

HISTORIC SITE FILE: HAYMARKET ACADEMY
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Haymarket
Academy

Petition

Decr 5th

1871.

ref & to Schools

(Reported reasonable)

Decr 19th 1871

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To the Honorable the General Assembly of Virginia —

The Petition of the undersigned Trustees, and Subscribers,
to the Haymarket Academy in the County of Prince William
respectfully represents —

That sometime in the year a number of Indivi-
duals, of whom the undersigned are a Majority, associated them-
selves in the purchase of the Buildings formerly belonging to
the District Court of Haymarket, then offered for sale by virtue
of an act of Assembly passed on the abolition of the District
Courts — The object of the subscribers to the said association was
to convert the said Buildings into an Academy, which was
duly incorporated: and accordingly the Deed from the Com-
missioners of Sale was made to certain persons in Trust
for the said Academy — In the purchase and repair of the
Buildings used in changing them from their original destination
into what as was suited to the purposes of a Literary Institu-
tion considerable sums of money were expended, and large-
ly amount for the reimbursement and payment of
which the then existing Subscribers, and an ulterior subscrip-
tion intended to be set on foot, were looked to. But in the
meantime from various adverse circumstances, it came to be as-
certained that the Academy would not succeed — Many of the
original Subscribers failed or refused to pay their contributions &
no reasonable hope could be entertained from a New Subscription
The Buildings not having been used for the purposes of the
Academy for fifty years are rapidly sinking into decay, and

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there are seeking with them the only remaining means of
 paying the debts of the Institution. - Your Petitioners are advised
 that by the failure of the institution, to which their property was
 given, the property itself upon common law principles would re-
 vert to the Donors - But that effect is barred in this case by
 reason of the deed having been made directly by the Com-
 missioners of Sale to the Trustees of the Academy without the
 interposition of the real purchasers. - It that in fact it had
~~been made to the donors~~ the donors cannot exercise their just
 rights without the aid of your Honorable Body. - That they
 should enjoy their right at this time is seriously pressing,
 not only that the debts of the institution may be discharged,
 but because they are advised, that were the property be-
 sold, it would be purchased forthwith for the purpose of
 appropriating it to the convenience of Public worship,
 whereas in its present neglected and decaying state it
 must soon fall to ruin -

Whereupon your Petitioners respectfully pray of
 your Honorable Body, that a law may be passed, autho-
 rizing the sale of the aforesaid Buildings, and requiring
 the Commissioners of Sale, to liquidate and discharge from
 the proceeds of the sale, the outstanding debts of the Aca-
 demy - and they will ever pray &c.

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John Linton

G. W. D. Mowse

N.B. All the Trustees beside those whose Signatures are
annexed to the above Petition except two, are dead or re-
moved out of the State.

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