



60-004 Ammendale Normal Institute Site (NR)

6011 Ammendale Road

Beltsville

Built between 1884 and 1888, the Ammendale Normal Institute was a massive three-part, brick institutional building with towers, projecting gables, and Queen Anne-style decorative detail. The central block was built in 1884 and the flanking wings in 1888, to serve as a Catholic novitiate, chapel and school operated by the Christian Brothers. The presence of a structure of this quality, style, or scale was unusual in Maryland outside the urban centers of Baltimore and Washington. The institute building was seriously damaged by fire in 1998 and was demolished in 2006. An unusual brick barn still stands on the property and will be repaired for future use.