

# Mount De Chantal Visitation Academy

## Wheeling, WV

The "commodious" building of Mount de Chantal has graced a Wheeling hilltop since it was built in 1856. The school provided quality education for young women including girls from both North and South during the Civil War. The building is no longer in use and likely to be demolished.



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**Community:** Wheeling  
(Ohio County)

**Site:** Mount de Chantal  
Visitation Academy

**Date:** 1856

**Significance:** This eclectic Victorian architectural landmark was constructed using local materials. It exhibits a tri-partite arrangement providing space for public functions in the center (administration and chapel), nun's residences on the left side, and student housing on the right. Additions have expanded the classrooms with space included for other functions as well.

**Endangerment:** Neglect and potential demolition. Sections of the roof are leaking or missing. The top floor is deteriorated due to lack of use.

**Resources:** Alumni, local residents, and historical preservationists are ready to help financially and with other resources, such as architectural expertise, fundraising efforts, and grant writing.

**Next Steps:** Appeal to the prospective owners not to demolish, and publicly state support for preserving the site.

**Future:** Mount de Chantal is in private hands; however PAWV agrees that this unique, historical, cultural treasure should be preserved and will advocate to that end as opportunities permit.

**Nominated by:** *Preserve the Mount*

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