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[Burwell School](#) ^[4] in Hillsborough was established in 1837 by the Reverend Robert Armistead Burwell and his wife, Margaret Anna Burwell. The Burwells opened the [Presbyterian](#) ^[5] school for young females shortly after arriving from Petersburg, Va. The school enrolled 40 girls aged 8 to 18 in its first year, at a tuition rate of \$17.50 per term. By 1848, when the building that housed the school was enlarged a second time, the school's catalog boasted 107 pupils from as far away as New York. In 1857, however, the Burwells moved to [Charlotte](#) ^[6] to become directors of the Charlotte Female Institute (later to become [Queens College](#)* ^[3]). In 1871, after the death of Margaret Burwell, Robert and his son John Bott Burwell presided over Peace Institute (later [Peace College](#)* ^[7]). The original Burwell School in Hillsborough was purchased by the [Historic Hillsborough Commission](#) ^[8] in 1965 and became a public museum.

Additional information from NCpedia editors at the State Library of North Carolina: :

Queen's College adopted the name Queens University of Charlotte in 2002.

Peace College adopted the name William Peace University in 2011.

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Additional Resources:

Burwell School Historic Site: <http://www.burwellschool.org/> ^[8]

Visit Hillsborough NC: <http://www.visithillsboroughnc.com/content/burwell-school-historic-site> ^[9]

Armistead Burwell Papers, DocSouth, UNC: <http://www.lib.unc.edu/mss/inv/b/Burwell,Armistead.html> ^[10]

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