

South Lowell Academy

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of Durham. Image courtesy of Endangered Durham. [2] South Lowell Academy was the inspiration of John Archibald McMannen, a lay preacher of the [Methodist Church](#) [3], and his close friend, Claiborn Parrish. With a board of trustees made up of themselves and three local physicians, McMannen and Parrish established a classical academy at South Lowell in what is today [Durham County](#) [4] in 1849. Its first headmaster was the Reverend James A. Dean, a graduate of [Wesleyan College](#) [5] in Connecticut, who gave the school a luster it maintained even after his departure for larger arenas.

The general poverty caused by the [Civil War](#) [7] and its aftermath depleted South Lowell's pool of applicants, though the school continued at least until 1897, when it was still listed in the state business directory.

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John Archibald McMannen House, in South Lowell community of Durham. Image courtesy of Endangered Durham. Available from http://endangereddurham.blogspot.com/2009_03_01_archive.html [2] (accessed November 5, 2012).

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