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Old Phelps Library is a small one and one half story stone building, originally constructed as a one room space with an entry door, two flanking Gothic windows, and a circular window on the front or south facade. Three Gothic windows flanked each side elevation. The building was altered and expanded in the 1870s to incorporate a new entry and wing to the right or east of the front facade. The original doorway and circular window was removed and replaced with arched windows in keeping, detail-wise, with the original windows. Small gables were added as well as a second floor to complete its conversion to a dormitory space. The entire building remained a masonry structure until its second remodeling after the turn of the century, when a large tudor style frame addition was added in place of the first addition. The building has been maintained as a dormitory till the present.

Old Phelps Library is a limestone bearing wall structure, distinguished by corner quoining, arched stone fenestration, stone dental detailing at the cornice line, and an unusual "flare" detail at the corners of each gable. Rough ashlar limestone is utilized as the building material. The building has been well maintained and appears to be in good structural condition.



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Shattuck School, an educational outgrowth of the old Episcopal "Bishop Seabury Mission", is the most nationally reknowned of all the "Whipple Schools" for which Faribault is noted. Started as an intermediate boys' school in 1858 by Rev. J. Lloyd Breck as part of the "Associated Mission of Minnesota", Shattuck has grown over its century long history to become one of the most reputable private secondary boys' schools in the country.

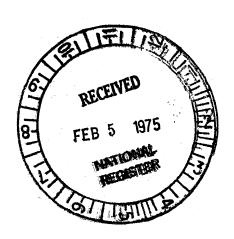
The original "Associate Mission" began as a primary and intermediate school with both male and female divisions and with a separate theological department for the training of Episcopal missionaries on the western frontier. Although humble in both size and facilities, the mission soon became, under the direction of Rev. Breck, a force in the development of private and clerical education in the state before the 1860s and likely was a major factor in the original location of the Episcopal See for Minnesota at Faribault.

Rev. Henry Benjamin Whipple came to Faribault in 1860 as Minnesota's first consecrated Episcopal bishop, selecting Faribault as his See city. He reorganized the old "Bishop Seabury Mission", as it had been renamed about 1859, into three distinct schools. Taking the girls school, he placed it under his own jurisdiction, allowing the seminary and boys' school to remain under the jurisdiction of an administrative board but as separate entities. The seminary became known as the Seabury Divinity School, keeping a semblance of its former name in honor of Bishop Seabury of Connecticut, the country's first Episcopal bishop. The boys' school remained nameless until 1865, when christened "Shattuck School" after its first benefactor, George C. Shattuck of Boston and founder of Saint Paul School in Concord, Massachusetts. The girls' school was named "Saint Mary's Hall" in 1866, which has since remained independent with a separate campus.

Seabury and Shattuck shared the same grounds, the present site of the boys' school, and many of the same buildings until 1873, when the divinity school was moved off campus. The two schools became administratively independent in 1905.

With the removal of the divinity school, Shattuck under the influence of Bishop Whipple began to take on an entirely different appearance, much like the image of a European "prep" school. The bishop had travelled extensively through the continent and had been most impressed with the quality and character of these schools, especially in England. He overtly solicited quality architectural design for the new buildings on campus and interested many persons of wealth and position on both continents to provide the funds for their

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construction. Whipple was through the latter half of the nineteenth century, the guiding, dominant hand for the development of Shattuck School and it stands today as one living memorial to the man who was recognized as both an international as well as national humanitarian, statesman, and religious leader.

