

ON THIS DAY IN WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY
MARCH 23**MORGANTOWN**
Female Academy.

On March 23, 1831, the Virginia General Assembly passed an act authorizing the Monongalia Academy to establish a separate academy for female students, which opened in 1833 and was called the Morgantown Female Academy.

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Investigate the Document: (Morgantown Female Academy, newsprint)

1. What is a possible rationale for someone to send their daughter to a female seminary in the country during the nineteenth century? Does this advertisement offer any hint? What adjective is used to describe the “influences” of men?
2. What subjects were taught daily to female students at no extra charge?

Think Critically: What do you think life was like attending a nineteenth-century female seminary? Was it commonplace for men and women to attend different institutions? Does the requirement to furnish your own bible to class say something about social expectations during the 1800s? If so, what?

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Female Academy.

THE trustees of this institution take pleasure in announcing to the public that they have secured the services of Mr. Thomas McCune, formerly of Erie Academy, and that it will be re-opened under his superintendence, on Monday the 26th of October next. He will be assisted by Miss C. M. Haverstick, who has been employed during the last eight years, in some of the first schools in Philadelphia.

Morgantown is situated on the Monongahela river, in one of the most flourishing, healthy, and delightful locations in the country. Gentlemen at a distance, wishing to send their daughters to school, cannot, it is believed, send them to a place where they will meet with less temptations and where they will be brought less under demoralizing influences, than in the quiet, moral, and retired village of Morgantown. The trustees have been at considerable expense in fitting up the buildings for the accommodation of pupils. A number of boarders can be accommodated in the family of the principal, who resides in the building contiguous to the Academy.

TERMS PER SESSION OF FIVE MONTHS.

Tuition in reading, writing, elementary Arithmetic &c.	\$4 00
English Grammar, Geography Arithmetic, History, &c.	6 00
Algebra, Nat. Philosophy, Chemistry, Botany, Rhetoric, Astronomy, with the use of Globes,	9 00
French and Drawing,	12 00
Board, including washing	38 00

Daily exercises in vocal music, & weekly exercises in composition, &c., will be attended to without any extra charge to the pupil. Each pupil is expected to be furnished with a copy of the Scriptures.

Sept 12, 1846.