



PARVA CURIA, today the headquarters of the County Directorate for Youth, Hunedoara

Around 1900

The land on which the building was constructed was part of the Deva Fortress and Bethlen Castle. At the end of the 18th century, when the defensive role of the Deva Fortress diminished, the then-owner of the estate, Franciska Pogany, sold part of the fortress's assets and built the Parva Curia building. After 1867, the county prefecture and military hospital operated here for a short time, and after 1870, it was donated to the Normal School for Boys.

The building was designed after the configuration of Bethlen Castle (Magna Curia) with reduced dimensions, hence the name Parva (Small) Curia, having the shape of the letter H, in which the horizontal bar is the most developed and the secondary arms resemble the corner towers characteristic of Renaissance castles. The building was probably transformed several times.

In an illustration from the 1900s showing the State Preparatory School, the Parva Curia is also visible, with a slightly more decorated, rhythmic façade with plastered pilasters. From this decorative repertoire, the profiled cornice is probably preserved in its original form, being the only evidence of the old building.