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Former WKU buildings

Ogden Hall:

Built: 1876

Description: The two story brick building was acquired from Ogden College in 1928. It housed the science labs and offices of the extension and correspondence department.

Razed: 1966

Potter College Building:

Built: 1889

Description: The building was purchased in 1909 and was the Recitation Hall from 1911 to 1936. Cherry Hall now stands where it used to be.

Razed: 1936

Cabell Hall:

Built: 1889? 1909?

Description: It was the private home of Benjamin Cabell who served as Potter College's president in 1909. The building housed music and home economics between 1911 and 1926. The stone was used in the home economics building.

Razed: 1926

Diddle Dormitory:

Built: 1900

Description: The building was a private home on State Street in 1923. When it belonged to the university it housed Coach Diddle and twenty boys (1950-1964). Before that it was a music building (1930-1938) and a girls' dormitory (1934-1950).

Razed: In 1994 the house was replaced with a park. The stone archway was preserved.

Frisbie Hall:

Built: 1904

Description: The three story dormitory was built by the Students' Home Company. For its time it was modern; the dorm had indoor plumbing and electricity with nice furnishings and was kept very clean.

Razed: Sold in 1926. Some time later it was razed and became a parking lot.

Government Barracks:

Built: 1918

Description: The barracks were acquired in 1920 by Western Kentucky State Normal School. It was destroyed to make room for the training school.

Razed: 1926

Cherryton:

Built: 1919-1920

Description: Cherryton was a group of cottages that had been built to house married students. Over time many of the cottages were destroyed to make room for new buildings.

Razed: 1947

Gymnasium:

Built: 1920

Description: The gymnasium was a barn which seated 250 spectators. For six weeks in the fall of 1920 it housed forty students. In 1931 it became the Health and Physical Education Building (which later became Helms Library).

Razed: 1931

Rural School Building:

Built: 1924

Description: It was a one story stone building which served as a lab for training teachers.

Razed: 1955

Home Economics Building:

Built: 1926

Description: It was a three story building made of stone (from Cabell Hall) that housed home economics.

Razed 1983

Industrial Arts Building Annex:

Built: 1926

Description: It was a three story building made of stone. It was one of two buildings that housed industrial arts (the second one is still in use).

Razed: 1982 A parking lot was established in its place.

Agricultural Pavilion:

Built: 1931

Description: The pavilion was located on Regents Avenue. It caught fire in 1963 and burned down.

Razed: 1963

Outdoor Swimming Pool:

Built: 1931

Description: The pool was located where the Cravens building stands today.

Razed: 1963

Music Building:

Built: 1937

Description: It was a three story building made of brick approximately 50,000 square feet in size.

Razed: 1975

Home Management House:

Built: ?

Description: It was former residence, the Carlisle house, which contained the lab for home economics. The house was located on Normal Drive.

Razed: The house was not destroyed but the lab moved to Bates Runner Hall in 1974.

Bailey Hall:

Built: 1900 ?

Description: It was a dormitory located on Center Street and was used before the college moved to Vinegar Hill.

Razed: ?

Temporary Manual Training Building:

Built: 1924

Description: ?

Razed: 1927 (burned down)

For existing buildings see <http://www.wku.edu/Tour/campusmap.html>

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