

Western Kentucky University

**TopSCHOLAR®**

---

WKU Archives Records

WKU Archives

---

1910

## UA3/1/2/1 Correspondence - Davis, Brinton

WKU President's Office - Cherry

Follow this and additional works at: [https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc\\_ua\\_records](https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records)



Part of the [Business Administration, Management, and Operations Commons](#), [Communication Commons](#), [Construction Engineering Commons](#), and the [Higher Education Administration Commons](#)

---

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by TopSCHOLAR®. It has been accepted for inclusion in WKU Archives Records by an authorized administrator of TopSCHOLAR®. For more information, please contact [topscholar@wku.edu](mailto:topscholar@wku.edu).

BRINTON B. DAVIS,  
ARCHITECT,  
LOUISVILLE, - - KENTUCKY.

Louisville, Kentucky, July 8, 1909.

190

Mr. H. H. Cherry, President  
State Normal School,  
Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 7th. just received. We are making good progress on the plans and hope to complete the same in about ten days or two weeks.

We cannot work to advantage until we receive the elevation of site.

Mr. Mark went over the plans thoroughly before he left for Denver, Colo. and expressed himself as being satisfied with the arrangement and appearance of the main building.

Courteously yours,

*Brinton B. Davis*

*Have Prof. W.  
Alexander to  
send information  
to Davis to keep  
Be sure and  
do it's*

BRINTON B. DAVIS  
ARCHITECT  
LOUISVILLE

July 10th. 1909.

Mr. H. H. Cherry, President  
State Normal School,  
Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:

Unless I receive the profile soon  
I will be delayed on the working drawings of  
the Auditorium.

I have increased my office force in  
order to push this work, and we are making good  
headway.

Pardon me for troubling you about the  
profile but it is necessary to have this infor-  
mation as soon as possible. Assuring you that  
your attention to this matter will be appreciated,  
I remain,

Faithfully yours,

*Brinton B. Davis*



# BRINTON B. DAVIS

ARCHITECT

LOUISVILLE

July the Twenty-Second,  
Nineteen Hundred and Nine.

Mr. H. M. Cherry, President,

State Normal School,

Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:

I telephoned Mr. Potter this morning and suggested that bids be taken on Auditorium while the members are on their vacation, and the right reserved to reject any or all bids.

Prof. Mark looked carefully over the plans before he left and requested that no delay occur in awarding the contract for the building. Mr. Cole also expressed himself as pleased with the plans and in favor of pushing the work.

By the time you receive bids you will, no doubt, have the Birds - Eye view, and then be in position to take some action. I merely suggest this in order to save time and get the building well under way before the severe winter sets in, however, if you do not agree with me we will let the matter rest until the Board meets.

Of course it will be necessary to write each member of the Board and obtain consent to taking bids in the manner outlined above. I am inclined to believe that with the birds-eye view in hand it will enable Mr. Crabbe to obtain a better

conception of the entire group. Suppose you talk with Mr. Potter and write me <sup>in regard to</sup> this as soon as convenient.

faithfully yours, *Brinton B. Davis*



BRINTON B. DAVIS  
ARCHITECT  
LOUISVILLE

February 11th. 1910.

Prof. H. H. Cherry,  
Bowling Green, Ky.

My Dear Sir:

I am informed that the city of  
Hopkinsville contemplate erecting a new  
high school building. I have requested a  
number of friends here to write the Supt.  
in my behalf and if you will write the  
said Superintendent of Schools commending  
me for the position of architect I assure  
you that your assistance will be appreciated.

They expect to expend about \$75,000  
on building ~~however~~, I do not care to enter a  
competition, or engage in a scramble for the  
place, however, I believe they intend to select  
the architect and then have him prepare the  
plans.

Mr. Rommel writes me that the work on  
the building at Bowling Green is progressing  
favorably considering weather conditions.

Thanking you in advance for your at-  
tention to this matter, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

*Brinton B. Davis*



# BRINTON B. DAVIS

ARCHITECT

LOUISVILLE

September 22nd. 1910.

Mr. H. H. Cherry, President

State Normal School,

Bowling Green, Ky.

My dear Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of the 21st. and fully appreciate the situation. In fact I have exhausted every effort to induce him to push the work. Mr. Bornstein has no conception of the amount of work on the interior, or the length of time required to complete same.

I firmly believe that the Board ought to acquaint the Bond Company with the fact and then notify Mr. Bornstein that if he fails to push the work and furnish suitable material, etc., the Board will take the work in hand and complete the building.

I have a very important engagement here Tuesday, but will endeavor to change the time so as to be in Bowling Green.

With personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

*Brinton B. Davis*

BRINTON B. DAVIS  
ARCHITECT  
LOUISVILLE, KY.

November 4th. 1910.

Mr. H. H. Cherry, Prest'

State Normal School,  
Bowling Green, Ky.

My dear Sir:

I selected a "Tobacco Brown" finish for the seats  
in auditorium & I think it will be more appropriate than the  
green selected by the Committee.

Courteously yours,

*Brinton B. Davis*



February 23, 1911.

Capt. Brinton H. Davis,  
Louisville, Ky.

My dear Capt. Davis:

I am not making any concealment of the fact that I feel that the delay in the work of completing the new building is not short of an outrage. The contract was let with the understanding that the building was to be completed last May. Of course, I never felt that the work would be completed within this time, but the present policy pursued by Mr. Bornstein is not short of an outrage and is thoroughly disorganizing to the work of the institution. You can have no conception of the great disadvantage under which the institution is laboring. The marble is not here and the marble work has been delayed; but few men are at work on it, and at the rate they work, it will take from four to six weeks to complete it. In fact, they are very indefinite as to when it will be completed. We are unable to use the steps leading down into the basement or the steps leading up to the balcony and the class rooms on the second floor. It is now necessary for us to use the stairway at the back of the building. This brings on the congestion of students and many other difficulties.

In addition to this, the building is a mass of debris on account of the work that is going on, and this is being tramped into the offices on the new floors, etc., greatly damaging it. This item, however, is not as serious as the one of continued hammering, hammering, making a confusion that disorganizes the institution and sometimes makes it almost impossible to hold the Chapel Exercises. Now, let me say right here, that I am fully aware of the fact that it was in one sense a kindness on the part of Mr. Bornstein to permit us to move into the building before it was completed. Yet, in view of the great delay in completing the building, it was not half as much as he should have done. So, I really do not feel that we are under special obligation for his having permitted us to move into the building on February 6th,--which we had been promised almost a year before, then again for our Commencement Exercises in July, then positively for the first of September. A later statement authorized me to announce that the school would open in the new building January 24th. So, I feel that his little concession is very insignificant when compared with the great inconveniences and disappointments to which he has subjected the school.

Take the next item. There are twenty-eight doors that are to be covered with leather. He has one man at work on these doors. He can hardly cover a door a day. This means that he is going to have a man work on these doors from twenty-eight to thirty-two days. The Chapel cannot be closed, and the best acoustic results cannot be obtained on account of the open condition of the hall. The present policy will keep the chapel open and continue the work in the midst of the school from twenty-eight to thirty-two days when it could be done within three or four days. You can have no conception of how hard it is to handle the school under these annoying conditions. I am getting so dinged mad that I can hardly restrain myself. Not at you or Mr. Groves, for I certainly esteem you both highly and



#2. B. B.D.

deeply appreciate the intense interest you have manifested and the aggressive manner in which you have pushed the work. I have no complaint to make. On the contrary, I entertain no other than the highest gratitude for the aggressive interest and service you have rendered the institution.

I am wondering if something cannot be done that will complete this work within the next two or three weeks. I wish it might be immediately. I feel now as though it may go on forever. There is no apparent interest that it will ever cease.

With the very Best wishes, I am,

Most respectfully yours,

February 23, 1911.

Capt. Brinton B. Davis,  
Louisville, Ky.

My dear Capt. Davis:

I desire to speak to you concerning the little report that was circulated about the statement made by one of the members of our faculty. Mr. Groves, no doubt, has given you full information.

I want to say in the beginning that the faculty, students, and writer have been intensely loyal to you and to your Supervising Architect and to your general development of the plant on the hill. They believe implicitly in you, your character, and efficiency. I have personally regarded any criticism of you as a thing almost personal and have resented any attempt to make an attack on you. In addition to this, I have been a silent supporter and have written a number of very strong letters, studying just how to say the thing that would enable you to accomplish your purpose. My interest has not simply been formal because I believe in you and your ability. The report which you heard from Mr. Groves is absolutely false. The person who reported it, repudiates her own statement to Mr. Groves and then insists, when in a conversation with me, that she never had said anything of the kind but that Mr. Groves misunderstood her. But, let me say in this connection that I know the problem through and through and that Mr. Groves did not misunderstand her. It all turned out to be a miserable fake--absolutely nothing in it. I am going to ask you, if at any time you hear of any report like the one mentioned above, that you speak directly to me and that you do not hesitate to do so. When I cease to be your friend, I shall notify you before anyone else. You will know exactly where I am at all times. I am not going to play double with any man.

Allow me to say in addition to this, that, if any unguarded statement should be made by anyone connected with the institution, I shall do the thing that will correct the influence of such a statement. I do not believe that any statement or anything of this kind has ever been made or ever will be made, because the whole organization is thoroughly loyal and deeply interested.

With great respect, I am,

Very truly yours,

M.