

Davidson College
(Old Maxwell Chambers Building)
Davidson
Mecklenburg County
North Carolina

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DAVIDSON COLLEGE (MAXWELL CHAMBERS BUILDING)
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Owner: Davidson College trustees

Date of erection: 1858-60

Present condition: Destroyed

Architect: C. E. Walker

Description:

Temple-form building of large scale with long, wide wings. The portico was composed of four heavy Doric columns supporting a full entablature and pediment. The detail of this superstructure was simple and comparatively unarchitectural. On the roof was a circular glazed cupola, of open design. The wings were five bays long and had low pedimental roofs. The windows throughout were double, in vertical banks three stories high.

Additional data:

The original plan of the campus included an academic building on axis with the opening between Eumanean and Philosophical Halls. This building was superseded shortly before the Civil War by the Maxwell Chambers Building, constructed from a large legacy from Maxwell Chambers, of Rowan County. The records of the College include payments in July 1860 to J. A. Davis (probably A. J. Davis), architect for drawings, \$170, and to C. E. Walker, architect of college building, \$1,000. It is assumed that Davis acted as consulting architect.

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