ESTEY HALL 1873-74

Estey Hall is listed in the National Historic Register as a historical structure. Estey is named in honor of Jacob Estey, the benefactor. The building served as a dormitory for women students of advanced classification. Construction was started in the fall of 1872 and completed in May of 1874. Bricks for this construction were made on the grounds by the students.

Willie E. Gary Student Center

(42,600 gross sq. ft.)

The Willie E. Gary Student Center was erected in 1967, houses the University Dining Hall, Snack Bar, Student Activities Office, University Ballroom, Bookstore, Post Office, Placement Center and Counseling Center, Recreation Area (Bear’s Den), office of the Vice President for Student Affairs: Major renovations were done in 1999 and 2004.

Leonard Medical Building

(14,514 gross sq. ft.)

The Leonard Building was formerly called the Leonard Medical Building. It was built in 1871. After the Medical School was closed in 1918, renovated in 1942 and serves as a classroom building and headquarters for the General Baptist State Convention. The building was renovated again in 2000 and serves as a classroom and faculty office complex.

TUPPER MEMORIAL GARDENS 1966

The Tupper Memorial Gardens was constructed in 1966, contains a Bell Tower, and the Crypt containing the remains of Henry Martin Tupper, the founder of Shaw

Dr. Henry Martin Tupper, Founder 1865

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Meserve Hall, formerly known as the Administration Building, was erected in 1896. Besides the offices, it contained the living apartments of the president, and some teachers. Upon the retirement of Dr. Meserve as president, the trustees voted to name the building Meserve Hall in recognition of his twenty-six years of service.

Thomas Boyd 1948
9,618 gross sq. ft.)

Thomas Boyd Hall was first called the University Church and erected in 1948. The structure was made possible through the generous contributions of northern and southern church groups of both races. The church was rebuilt in 1955 and cost over $300,000 with a seating capacity of approximately 550. Today the chapel houses the offices of the Dean of the Chapel and seminar rooms.

Shaw Hall
Shaw Hall, erected in 1871, the first building on the campus named in honor of Elijah Shaw, contained a dormitory for women and men students.

Spaulding Gym 1948
(21,930 gross sq. ft.)


Tupper Hall 1906
(21,596 gross sq. ft.)

Tupper Memorial Building, named in honor of the founder, Dr. Henry Martin Tupper, was erected in 1906 and used as an industrial building and later as a gymnasium converted into a men’s dormitory in 1946. It is presently used for general classrooms and houses the Business and Public Administration Department. The ground floor houses the offices for the Plant Operations and Maintenance.