## In Loco Parentis Locis: Housing at Wheaton College

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Time for confession. How many caught the error in my printed title? Shame on me for not consulting Prof. Rupprecht first. My title should be "In Loco Parentis."

Hospitality - the reception and lodging of travelers was viewed in Bible lands as a binding obligation to be conscientiously fulfilled. The Greeks used *philozenia* ("love of strangers" literally). Our word "hospitality" comes from the Latin *hospes, a stranger, foreigner,* hence a *guest, friend.* Our words, *hospital*, and *hospice* come from the same root.

In John 14, Jesus is preparing his disciples for a new part of their faith journey. They are going to be separated from the physical presence of Jesus. His first word to the disciples is "Let not your heart be troubled." This sounds like a mom hugging her college bound child and saying, "Don't worry, God will be with you." *Goodbye* has its roots in "God be with you," as does the Spanish *Adios*.

Do you remember what you told your child when they left for college? Do you have any memory of that moment when you departed for Wheaton College? John 14 has taken on new significance for me as I prepared this talk. After comforting the disciples, Jesus went on to say, "In my Father's house are many rooms (*monai*)...I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to myself, that where I am, you may be also." Thomas doesn't understand. "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (Jn. 14:2-6) Later Jesus talks about sending the Holy Spirit, the "Comforter" (*parakleiton*). "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you." (Jn. 14:16-18).

I have always felt that the "place" that Jesus talked about was non-spatial, but relational. We have always been tempted to enshrine God. Old Testament believers mistakenly made the Temple the "place" of God's abode. When they were exiled to Babylon, they missed God's Presence because there was no temple. Jesus did not want this to happen to his disciples. To be in the Father's House was to be "in Christ," knowing Jesus as "the way." Couple Jesus' words about the Father's House with the coming of the Holy Spirit (the one who walks alongside), and you have a theology of God providing a Presence in our world (described in Ps. 23 as "dwelling in the house of the Lord forever.") The ultimate *in loco parentis*- (in place of parents) is the Holy Spirit. When a son or daughter go off to college, their mentoring and discipleship is placed in others' hands. Wheaton College has always wanted to be a "place" where we can experience Jesus Christ more fully, or for the first time. Wheaton College is not the Temple, but seeks through every department and building to help us to know Jesus Christ, and His Kingdom.

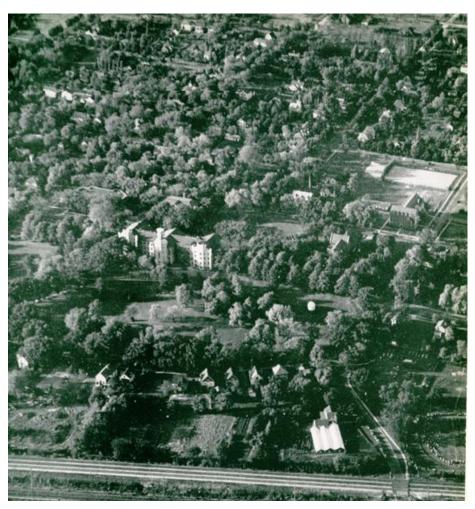
How has this understanding of college years, as a place where the Holy Spirit mentors us, fit your experience? How has the Biblical command to "practice hospitality," (Rom. 12:13; I P. 4:9) found expression here at Wheaton? I probably should have done something on the food services,



or the counseling services, or the Office of Minority Affairs. Instead, I have chosen to focus on student housing in the 1940s, and indirectly, on the role played by the owner/hosts of the many private homes that provided student housing.

I don't know if you came prepared for an offering this morning, but the College Archives has benefited much from you alumni. Your gifts are in the forms of shared Wheaton memories and memorabilia. At the Alumni registration tables up in Kresge are supplies of a questionnaire I hope that you would take time to fill out and give to the College Archives. This talk is only about the places where some of you might have stayed while at Wheaton College. I hope the photos of these houses - most of which are gone - will trigger some memories. The question is "How did these residence owners or house parents add to your college experience as part of your growth in the knowledge that Jesus is the Way"?

From the beginning and into the 1940s, the majority of students at Wheaton College and Academy rented rooms in private homes. Whether students stayed in College-owned or private homes, they were under the same regulations. Consultation with the Deans was a prerequisite for engaging any rooms. It was a system of the College being "in place of the parents," while in school at Wheaton.



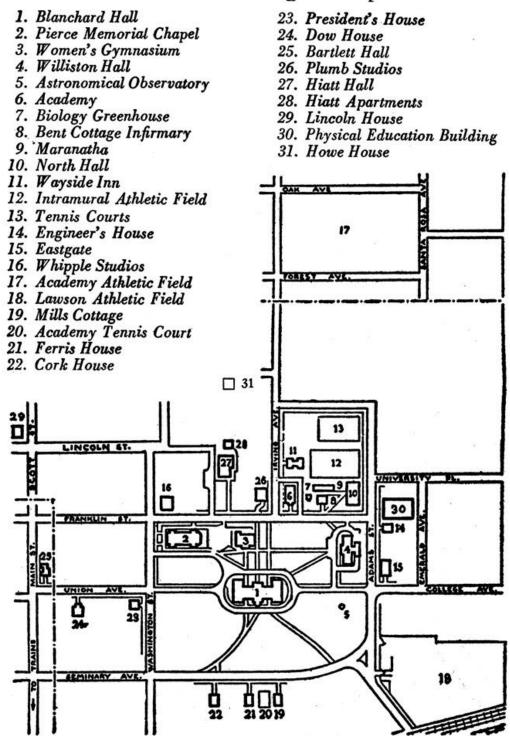
Aerial View of Campus, 1941 (Photo File: Aerial Views)

The campus of the mid 1940s looked more like a forest preserve than a college.



## Map of Campus (1949)

# Wheaton College Campus





### **College-Owned Housing 1945-9**

In 1945, there were about 35% of the 1234 undergraduates housed in 14 "College Houses." This included the following:

Women	Campus Map	Address	Photo
Bartlett Hall	25.	103 E. Union St.	B1538
Blount House			
Cork Cottage	22	418 E. Seminary (BGC)	B1546
Dow House	24	318 E. Union St.	B1548
Eastgate	15	College & Adams (Chase)	B1553
Garlough House			
Hiatt Hall	27	Franklin (Buswell Library)	B1554
Hiatt Apts.	28	North of Hiatt Hall	B1564
Howe Hall	31	Irving Ave.	
Lincoln House	29	Scott & Lincoln	
Maranatha	09	[temporary Annex to North	
		Hall]	
Mills Cottage	19	506 E. Seminary (BGC)	B1569
North Hall I	10		
Peehl House			
Wayside Inn	11	519 Irving Ave	
Williston Hall	04	Adams (Chase St.)	

Men	Campus Map	Address	Photo
Ferris House	21	[earlier Missionary Home 422	
		E. Seminary?]	
Fourth Floor (Blan.)	01		

[1936 Tower gives addresses of houses]

Infirmary	Campus Map	Address	Photo
Bent Cottage	08	Franklin, between Academy	B1544,
_		(Schell) & North (McManis)	B1545

[Bent Cottage was acquired in 1917 - "the house is in the process of reconstruction to be used as a dormitory for men." *Bulletin*, 1917, p. 12. In the early 1920s it is listed among rooms for women - *Bulletin*, 1923, p. 17]



## Bartlett Hall (Photograph # B1538)



Bent Cottage (Photograph #B1544)





# **Cork Cottage (Photograph # B1546)**



## **Dow House (Photograph # B1548)**





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# Eastgate (Photograph #B1553)



Hiatt Hall (Photograph #B1554)





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## **Hiatt Apartments (Photograph #B1564)**





Mills Cottage (Photograph #B1569)



## **Additional Housing 1945-9**

The 1946 *Tower* lists the various houses and their student occupants. Excluding the above "College Houses," the following places were home to many students:

#### **WOMEN**

Baird's	
Blanchard	623 Howard St.
Blocher's	025 Howard St.
	212 E. Caminamy Assa
Graham	212 E. Seminary Ave
Cracker	
Box	
Cruiser	
Foster	
House	
Hassed's	
Hilton	
House	
Johanson's	1105 College Ave.
Jones	
Kremenak's	
Leonard's	
Lein House	
Lincoln	
House	
Mackenzie's	
Mill's	506 E. Seminary
Cottage	
Neale's	
Phillip's	
Shufelt	2 doors from West
	Gate
Smith	
(Dana)	
Sutherland	
Tingley's	
Tucker Inn	
Union	
Station	
Whitaker	

#### **MEN**

Bakery	
Bartlett's	
(Roy)	
Cooper's	216 E. Union St
House	
Cutler's	
Dunton's	610 N. Scott St.
Henning	
Herring	
House	
House of	
Bull	
Hunter	
Kellogg's	
Nelson's	
Reynold's	
Spaulding	318 E. Franklin
Warner	
Well's House	
[coed]	
Wooden	
Pillow	
Zoo	



In 1943 and in 1950 revival visited the Wheaton campus. In Mary Dorsett's "Revival at Wheaton," she has this account of 49er, Larry Ward:

"It was during the last week of January 1943--my last night on campus before entering what was to become a three-year period of military service. I was packed and ready to go, but something had drawn me from my room in Glen Ellyn to walk the campus one last time -- and to stop for a moment of reflection in the chapel,,,I can't recall what led me to go upstairs in the chapel -- or what caused me to pause outside one door and listen to the quiet murmurs from inside.

"But I do remember, most vividly, what I saw when I dared to open the door. Here were five or six students on their knees praying--praying, I quickly sensed, for revival on Wheaton's campus. 'No campus leaders,' these. No 'Big Man On Campus' whom I could recognize. There was nothing holier-than-thou, nothing judgmental. But I can still feel the incredible warmth of that room, the special something (or Someone) which drew me inside." (p. 8)

Holy space, certainly, but made set apart by the Presence of the Holy Spirit. The Special Services held in Pierce Chapel were anointed times throughout the 40s. Again in the spring of 1950, revival touched us. Holy space indeed. But if Jesus is the Way, then we cannot stop at just the places of encounter, we must allow the Holy Spirit the continually renew us.

Housing, places where we have lived, is important in our pilgrimage. I want to pay special tribute to those who rented rooms to students, who were house parents. An unseen part of this for the housing on campus is what used to be called Buildings and Grounds, now Physical Plant at Chase Service Center. They have been responsible for maintaining this space and always having the grounds so beautiful when we come to Commencement and Homecoming.

"In my Father's House are many rooms." Through the working of the Holy Spirit, we who inhabit these spaces are being called to continual remodeling and renewal. Even so, come Lord Jesus.



## Wheaton College Housing, 1936-52

Tower 1936, Ch. III, "Housemates," p. 143-63		'37	'38	'39	'40	
Annex '38 [Barracks]	W			W	W	W
Attic [Hansen] '40	M					M
Bachelors' Club	M	936 College Ave.	M			M
Barracks '37	M	"Annex"'38 behind	M			
Bent (Infirmary)						
Barron's Castle	M	125 N. Scott St.				
Bartlett Hall	M	103 E. Union St.	M	M	M	M
Blanchard House	W	623 Howard St.			W	W
Brewer's ["Brewery"	M	321 E. Union St			M	M
Campbell House '39	M	818 N. Washington			M	
Carlson's Cottage '38	W		W			
Christensen '40	M					M
Clark's Frat [Dr. G. H. Clark] '39	M	610 Howard St.		M	M	
College Hall ["Patton"]					M	
Colpitts' [Owl's Nest?]	M	827 College Ave.			M	
Cooper's House	M	216 E. Union St.			M	M
Cork Cottage	W	418 E. Seminary Ave.			W	W
Dow House	W	318 E. Union St.		W	W	W
Dunton's (Harold)	M	610 N. Scott St.		M	M	M
Dunton's	W	215 N. Scott St.				
Eastgate	W	College & Adams	W	W	W	W
Eggers'	M	719 N. Scott St.				
Engelsman's Compound - W		413 E. Lincoln St.				
Felicidad	W		W			
Fo' Castle '39	M				M	M
Foster Children	W	426 E. Harrison Ave.				1.2
Fourth FlrBlanchard		.20 2. 11	M	M	M	M
Hall - M			1.2	1.1	1,1	1.1
Friar's	M	323 E. Lincoln St.	M	M	M	M
Graham Cracker Box	W	212 E. Seminary Ave.				† -·-
Green Door '37	W		W			
Green Lantern '37	M		M	M	M	
Grove '40	M		111		1	M
Heydenburk's	M	320 E. Seminary Ave.				1
Hiatt Hall '37	W		W	W	W	W
Hiney's	W	912 Irving Ave.	,,,	1	1	
"Hoss" Stables	M	325 N. Hale St.				



"H.O.T." [Taylor,	W	330 E. Union St.				
Hawley Otis] House	VV	330 E. Ullon St.				
Hunter Homestead	M	705 Irving Ave.				
International House	M	703 II vilig Ave.			M	
'40	IVI				IVI	
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Irving House	W	719 Irving Ave.	W		W	W
Kramer '40	W					W
Mackenzie House '37	M		M		M	
Mills Cottage	W	506 E. Seminary Ave. W	W	W	W	
Missionary Home	M	422 E. Seminary Ave.		M	M	
Moore's	W	318 E. Madison St.				
Moore-Foster '39	W				W	
Mosterts '40	M					M
Muir House	W	318 N. Washington St.				
New Dorm '38	W	[McManis]		W	W	W
O.K [Obed Kay]				M		
House '39						
Owl's Nest '38	M	[Colpitts?]			M	M
Pattons '39	M	[Collegiate Hall]			M	
Rhoads'	M	901 College Ave.				
Roy's	M	311 E. Seminary Ave.				
Sandbox	M	310 E. Union St.	M		M	
Sleepy Hollow	M	619 N. Scott St.			M	
Spaulding's "318"	W	318 E. Franklin St.			W	W
Tombs '40	M	[Buehler]				W
Vikings '39	M				M	M
Wayside Inn	W	519 Irving Ave.	W	W	W	W
Williston Hall	W	"Old Red Castle"	W	W	W	W
Wright's	M	610 Irving Ave.				



## A Century of Growth (1860-1960) A Timeline of Wheaton College Campus and Student Housing

- 1860-65 "The Faculty will exercise a parental and moral oversight of the character and conduct of the students, each officer having power to suspend disorderly students until next Faculty meeting." *Catalogue* 1860-61, p.14
- "The Faculty shall aim to exercise a parental and moral supervision of the character and conduct of the students...For any violation of these rules or other other disorderly conduct, any officer of the College has power to suspend a student till the next meeting of the Faculty." -- Catalogue 1865-66, p. 17
- "In the supervision of students, the College seeks to promote self-government by appealing to the sense of honor and personal responsibility." -- *Catalog* 1901-02

#### Jonathan Blanchard, President 1860-82 - Campus of two buildings

For the duration of Jonathan Blanchard's presidency, the two buildings described below served a minority of students in college-owned housing.

"In those days the institution had but two buildings-one, a small stone structure on the summit of a beautiful hill, just north of the tracks of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad Company; the other a poorly constructed frame building at the foot of the hill. The latter was called the boarding hall, the former the College."

--Charles Blanchard, "A Brief History of Wheaton College," Wheaton College Record, Feb 1910, p. 143, quoted in David Maas' *Wheaton College Awakenings* 1853-1873, #96, p. 48

"In 1848 members of the Wesleyan Methodist Churches secured a charter for "Illinois Institute" to be located at Wheaton, on the brow of our own hill. The year 1856 marks the erection of the first building, the nucleus of our present "limestone tower" structure. At about the same time the "White House," a dormitory torn down about 1895, rose at the southwest corner of the campus."

- -- The Tower 1927, p. 95-6
- This vision of the completed College building appeared on Jonathan Blanchard's stationery in 1868. It would see fruition in the fourth expansion completed in 1927.
- 1868-71 **Main** expanded, addition of west wing "Between 1868 and 1870 this building was enlarged to practically three times its original size and capacity. The walls of the old building were made higher, the chapel moved to the third floor, the tower



built (1869) and the west wing added." West wing occupied in 1872. -- *Bulletin*, 1929, p. 19

#### Charles A. Blanchard, President 1882-1925

- The College building is of limestone, 145-ft. front. The connecting wing and west building are each four stories in height, containing...private rooms for 60 students. The College has, also, a **frame building**, which is used as a dormitory for young gentlemen. It is in thorough repair, and, at present, fully occupied.
- 1889-90 **Main** College building expanded east, occupied in 1891-2
- 1892-3 **The main College building**...The eastern addition 42 x 54, is now completed and in daily use.
- This year the erection of our **Woman's building** required us to borrow \$6000. (p.40) [See sketch p. 44] Ladies' Hall, *Register* 1898-9.

**Industrial Building I** (frame-structure) - "One of the trustees, Mr. R. J. Bennett, of Chicago...purchased the Rufus Smith property, north of the college, as a home for the industries (printing, bicycle shop) connected with the institution." *Record*, November 1898, p. 11. [This frame building was located north of what would become the steam plant and Industrial Building II, built in 1902. It then takes the name Wayside Inn, and as such will be a boarding club and dormitory, cap. 14]

- 1898-9 The Gymnasium built; will later be named Adams. (Listed among the places for men's rooms in 1923 *Catalog*, p.17)
- "Across the street north of the campus (Franklin) is the new brick structure which will bear the name **Industrial Building** from 1902-17. North of this building is the **Wayside Inn**, where the Young Men's Boarding Club take their meals and several families connected with the College find homes." *Catalog* 1907, p. 10
- The Observatory was placed southeast of Main Building
- Missionary House "In the summer of 1916 the college came into possession of a house on Seminary Street, south of the campus. It is designed to use this as a home for children of missionaries who are in attendance at the college (cap. 20)." "History," *Bulletin*, 1917, p. 12
- Industrial Building becomes Wheaton Academy (1917-45) "Formerly the upper stories of this building were used for the industrial departments of the College. At present it is the Wheaton Academy Building, the recitation rooms of the academy being located there." *Bulletin*, 1917, p. 12



"Where the academy building now stands was a large frame building which had been used for the printing office. This building was moved north to its present location and was fitted up as a boarding club for young men. It is now the **Wayside Inn**." *Bulletin*, 1917, p. 12

**Bent Cottage**, named for Prof. Joseph A. Bent - "The ground lying east of the academy building with a frame dwelling has recently been obtained through a legacy and the house is in the process of reconstruction to be used as a dormitory for men (cap. 10) and to be called Bent Cottage. "History," *Bulletin*, 1917, p.12

- 1920 **Cork Cottage**, named for Hugh Cork (cap. 14) residence for women
- Bartlett Hall, named for trustee L. E. Bartlett (cap. 22) residence for men on corner of Center & Main used as headquarters of the College Y.M.C.A. *Bulletin* 1922, p. 10
- 1923 **Gymnasium** on list of rooms for men *Bulletin* 1923, p.17 **Bent Cottage** listed as women's residence, *Bulletin* 1923, p.17
- "On the campus at the corner of Franklin and Washington Streets is the College Church and Chapel, commenced during the winter of 1924-25 and dedicated November 15, 1925. This building is for the joint use and occupancy of the College Church of Christ and the College and is used by the latter for Commencements and other important assemblies." *Bulletin* 1926, p.11

#### J. Oliver Buswell, Jr., President, 1926-40

- Main becomes Blanchard "During the past year the Main Building has been made symmetrical and architecturally complete by the addition of the remainder of the east wing, an almost exact duplication of the west wing which was built fifty years ago. This fine large addition with the extensive remodeling of the entire building has greatly increased its capacity and usefulness. *Bulletin*, 1928, p. 17
- 1929 College Infirmary "The upper floor of Bent Cottage has been set aside as an infirmary. It is equipped with hospital beds and other necessary facilities." *Bulletin*, 1929, p.24
- Womens' Building becomes Williston Hall (named in honor of longtime Blanchard friend and donor, J.P. Williston) *Bulletin*, 1930-31, p. 26
- 1931-32 **Mills Cottage**, residence for women *Bulletin*,1931-2, p.30
- 1935-36 **Dow House**, dormitory for women. *Bulletin*, 1935-6, p. 22



**The Infirmary** - Bent Cottage now used entirely for "eleven-room Infirmary" p. 24

**President's House/Westgate** - formerly owned by trustee, John M. Oury; presented to President Buswell on the tenth anniversary of his inauguration, April 23, 1936, *Alumni News*, May-June 1936, p.3

1936-7 Chapel becomes the Orlinda Childs Pierce Memorial Chapel, Campus Map, *Bulletin*, 1936-37, back cover.

Hiatt Hall, dormitory for women

Eastgate, dormitory for women

Irving House, dormitory for women

"The Barracks," dormitory for men *Bulletin*, 1936-7, p. 15-16

New Dormitory for women opened Dec. 1936 Record, Dec. 9, 1936

Plumb Studios acquired; Departments of Speech & Art,

New Dormitory (first unit) and temporary Annex (formerly "The Barracks")
residence for women, Bulletin 1937-8, p. 29

New Dormitory (second unit) for women opened Sep. 1938, Record, Sep. 16, 1938, Bulletin 1939-40, p. 17

#### V. Raymond Edman, President 1940-65

Whipple Studios, just north of the chapel, donated by friends; new facility for the Conservatory of Music

**Maranatha**, new name for temporary **Annex** located between Bent and New Dorm

**Lincoln House**, Scott & Lincoln, residence for women and home economics unit, *Bulletin*, 1941-2, p. 17

- New Auditorium and Physical Education Building men's division dedicated May 29, 1942, *Record*, May 29, 1942
  Gymnasium renamed Women's Gymnasium women's division, *Bulletin*, 1942-43, p. 17
- 1943-44 **Ferris House**, 422 E. Seminary, formerly **Missionary House**, residence for men, *Bulletin* 1943-44, p. 17 **North Hall** (formerly **New Dormitory**), residence for women, p. 28
- Howe House, Irving Ave., residence for women
  Blount House, residence for women, Bulletin, 1944-45, p. 17
  Industrial Bldg. II (1902-17). Wheaton Academy (1917-45). Becomes the
  Graduate School Building (1945-60)
- 1945-46 **Peehl House**, residence for women, *Bulletin*, 1945-46, p. 16



1946-47	<b>Garlough House</b> , student dormitory, <i>Bulletin</i> , 1946-47, p.12, 22 New Auditorium & Phy. Ed. Bldg. becomes <b>Alumni Gymnasium</b> , <i>Bulletin</i> 1946-47, p. 12
1947-48	Blaine House-Home Economics & practical home making, p.13 <b>The Quadrangle</b> (2 units) for men, <i>Bulletin</i> 1947-48, p. 13, 22
1949-50	<b>The Quadrangle</b> becomes <b>Unit I</b> and <b>Culp Hall</b> (90 men each), <i>Bulletin</i> 1949-50, p. 13, 22.
1951-52	Memorial Student Center dedicated June 11, 1951, Bulletin, 1951-52, p.13
1952-53	The <b>Library</b> , opened January 1952, <i>Record</i> , Jan. 24, 1952. Library will be named Nicholas Library in honor of The <b>Dining Hall</b> , opened January 4, 1953, Record, Dec. 18,1952
1954-55	Maranatha ("temporary" housing since 1935) removed
1955-56	Breyer Chemistry Building Service Building (Buildings & Grounds) Bulletin, 1955-56, p. 13 Unit I and Culp Hall become James Edward Elliot Hall, and Nathanael Saint Hall, Homecoming, Oct. 1956
1957	The Infirmary - Health Center 1958
1959-60	Centennial Gymnasium, Bulletin, 1959-60, p. 15
1960	The Graduate School Bldg. becomes Buswell Hall (1960-80). In 1980 it will be named Schell Hall in honor of Edward R. Schell.



## **College-Owned Housing in Order of Acquisition**

1854	Frame building at foot of hill, " <b>Gentlemen's Hall,"</b> later called "White House"
1871	West wing of Main, (Fourth-Floor Blanchard after 1927)
1895-6	Woman's Building - Ladies' Hall - (Williston after 1930-1)
1898-9	<b>Industrial Building</b> I (frame structure), later <b>Wayside Inn</b> (1930s residence for women)
	Gymnasium, later Adam's Hall
1902	<b>Industrial Building</b> II (brick structure), later Wheaton Academy, Buswell Hall, Graduate School, Schell Hall
1916	Missionary House/Home, 422 E. Seminary, in 1930s residence for men
1917	<b>Bent Cottage</b> , residence in 1920s for women, in 1930s for men, later Infirmary
1920	Cork Cottage, 418 E. Seminary, residence for women
1922	<b>Bartlett Hall</b> , 103 E. Union St., residence for men; in 1930s, auxiliary dining hall to one in <b>Ladies' Hall/Williston</b>
1931-2	Mills Cottage, 506 E. Seminary, residence for women
1935-6	Dow House, 318 E. Union St., residence for women
1936-7	Hiatt Hall, Franklin St., residence for women Eastgate, College & Adams (Chase), residence for women Irving House, residence for women The Barracks, northeast of Bent, residence for men; later The Annex, and Maranatha, Bulletin 1936-7, p. 29
1937-8	Plumb Studios acquired, Departments of Speech and Art. <b>New Dormitory</b> (first unit) and temporary <b>Annex</b> , residence for 65 women, dining hall, <i>Bulletin 1937-8</i> , p. 29
1939-40	<b>New Dormitory</b> (second unit), residence for women, <i>Bulletin 1939-40</i> , p.17
1940-1	Whipple Studios - Residence just north of the chapel building donated. Conservatory of Music, <i>Bulletin 1940-41</i> , p. 17

