Hobart and William Smith campus buildings

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From 1822 to the present our buildings testify to the staying power of two small liberal arts colleges and to the dedication and the perseverance of the people who nourished them. Much of this information is from Warren Hunting Smith's History of Two Colleges, the "Buildings Notebook" in the Archives, and the HWS Building Information website. Some discrepancies occur in dating the buildings, due to the difference in the beginning of construction and the dedication. By noting those who have lived in the older buildings we can connect them in some way with the Colleges.

Photographs of many of the buildings can be found in the Archives Digital Collections.

Buildings are listed in chronological order of date built, as nearly as we can determine it. Names of buildings on a campus relate to the history of that campus. Names of Presidents, alumni/ae, Faculty, Trustees, Fraternities, and interested persons grace our buildings.

Durfee House

- 1787
- 639 South Main Street
- Currently the Office of Communications
- Was originally a land speculators office, moved from foot of Colt's Hill on the southwest corner of Exchange and Washington in 1838 to its present site
- Purchased and enlarged by Benjamin Hale in 1844. Hale added marble to the interior of the house as well as changed the front door of the house from the side facing the street to its present location on the side.
- Sold to the colleges in 1858 and became the president's residence, and occupied by subsequent presidents until 1885.
- It later became the home of William Pitt Durfee, first Dean of Hobart and professor of Mathematics from 1884-1929. Both W.P Durfee and his son W. H. Durfee served as interim presidents during their long tenures at the Colleges.
- In addition to a residence, the house has been used for classrooms, the faculty club, and the Hobart Admissions building
- Became the Communications building in July 2006

McCormick House

- 1806 with many changes
- 183 Hamilton Street
- The property was purchased in 1806 by James Rees, one of the very important founders of Geneva College. Other notable Geneva owners included the Endicotts and DeZengs
- One of three estates on the "Ridge" - Blackwell, McCormick and Judge Foot's House on DeLancey Drive- That existed in the 19th Century with commanding views of Seneca Lake with very little in the way of those views.
- Named for Mary Ellen McCormick, Dean of William Smith College, 1936-1944, in 1941.
- The entire estate was sold to the colleges in 1941, consisting of the house and acres.
- The original house was destroyed by fire in 1851, the only remaining features of the 1806 house are the brick archway, a stone fireplace, a brick shaft to the left of the stone fireplace, and several parts of the original foundation.
- In 2004, McCormick house underwent more updates, including renovating the bathrooms of the house and upgrading the stairwells.

**Sigma Phi**

- 1806
- 624 South Main Street
- Built by Mrs. Gavin Lawson, became the rectory for Trinity Church 1825-1852, and then sold to James Simons.
- Purchased by Mrs. Charles Delameter Vail (Helen Houghton) in 1901. C. D. Vail, Hobart 1859, was a long time professor and librarian at Hobart and he and Mrs. Vail considered this their "town house" and Houghton House their country estate and the present VFW their beach house.
- The original house remains, but north and west wings were added later in 1901
- Sigma Phi lost their house in 2005 and it is presently a dormitory

**Henry House**

- 1808
- 606 South Main Street
- Original owner was John Ramsey
- Renovated in 1830 by the architect Robert Stoddard
- It was designated an historic building in 1965.

**Blanchard House**

- 1812
- 593 South Main Street
- Built by John Collins
- A number of people associated with the colleges subsequently owned it: daughters of Bishop DeLancey, Francis Viele, Hobart 1888
- Presently the house of the Provost.
- Named for Blanchard Bartlett Walker who gave the funds to purchase the building in 1992.

**Chi Phi**

- 1820
- 573 South Main Street

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• Originally built by Mr. Arad Joy and through several more owners passed into the estate of Joseph H. Tuttle and from whose heirs it passed to the Kappa Alpha fraternity.
• The ownership changed, and it is now leased by the Chi Phi fraternity
• The original building, remodeled, still stands
• During the Spring 2005 semester, an unfortunate fire damaged the third floor of the house. The Colleges renovated the house during the spring and summer of 2005.

(Information gathered from the Colleges' website)

Geneva Hall

• 1821-1822
• 648 South Main Street
• Masons were Levi Judd and John Huddleston, materials used were bastard limestone brought up from the lake (Hobart Herald 3/1887 V. 8 pg 132)
• Named Geneva Hall because it was largely built and financed by the citizens of Geneva. The cost of construction according to a contract was $4,600 (Hobart Herald 3/1887 V. 8 pg 132)
• It originally housed all the offices, chapel, library, and student rooms until Trinity and the Middle Building were built.
• It is the oldest standing academic building in Western New York.
• In 1877-1878 the building was refitted and supplied with gas, steam-heat, water and other modern conveniences, at a cost of about $5,000 (Hobart Herald 3/1887 V. 8 pg 132)
• Since 1879 it has been a dormitory (notebook item 001)
• In 1929 all floors and partitions were removed within the old walls and roof to create a fireproof interior according to the plans of I.E. Hill (notebook item 001)
• Renovated - plastered and painted in 1981
• Geneva Hall was newly renovated for the fall of 1998, with new floors (carpet and tile), paint, loftable furniture, new bathrooms, and upgraded lounge space.
• Further renovations occurred in 2004, which included upgrading the lounges.

(Information gathered from the Colleges' website)

Kappa Sigma

• 1822
• Built by Mr. Schermerhorn

DeLaney House

• 1826
• 616 South Main Street
• The house's original owner was Henry V.R. Schermerhorn. Additionally, the house had several owners including Edward Cook, H. 1895, whose heirs sold it to the colleges in 1974.
• Named for Bishop William Heathcote DeLancy (1797-1865) who lived in the house from 1854 until 1865 and was the first Episcopal Bishop of Western New York

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• President Rensselear, 1871-1876, lived in it from 1869-1882.
• It has since been used as a faculty house, guest house, and meeting house
• Much of the exterior of the house remains unchanged with the exception of the color.

**Delta Chi**

• 1826
• 574 South Main Street
• Built by Reverend Henry Dwight

**The Post House**

• 1827, (at this time located next to the college) no longer standing
• A small brick building that was originally a boarding house owned by Miss Catharine Post of Utica, N.Y. (Hobart Herald 3/1887 V. 8 pg 132)
• In 1837-1838 the Post house was purchased by the college for $1,600 but the deed was not passed until July 1, 1845 (Hobart Herald 3/1887 V. 8 pg 132)
• From 1840-1847 the house was the residence of Professor David Prentice (Hobart Herald 3/1887 V. 8 pg 132)
• From 1850-1868 the house was the residence of Professor W. D. Wilson who had a meteorological observatory on the north side of the house. (Hobart Herald 3/1887 V. 8 pg 132)
• From 1868-? The house was the residence of Professor H. L. Smith who added a small astronomical observatory (Hobart Herald 3/1887 V. 8 pg 132)

**Harris House**

• 1827
• 678 South Main Street
• Dean Milton Haight Turk, and Elon Howard Eaton had lived in the house prior to 1965 when it was renamed in honor of Dr. Harris.
• Named for Alexander Logan Harris (1886-1965), Professor of Modern Languages for 53 years.
• Built by Miss Catherine Post who kept it as a college boarding house. She married Reverend Henry Gregory, of the first class that graduated from Hobart
• Purchased by the College in 1837 for $1,600
• Remodeled in 1938 as a dormitory for non-fraternity students (Herald 1/15/1965)
• Remodeled in 1957 from the Hobart Alumni Fund to reconstruct the interior into its present form (Herald 1/15/1965)

**603 South Main**

• 1827 (not listed in current directory)
• Owned by Robert Stoddard
• Previously rented to Hobart and William Smith Students (Herald 10/2/1992)
• Acquired by the Colleges in 1992 (Herald 10/2/1992)

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Kappa Sigma

- 1827
- 584 South Main
- Owner Henry V.R. Schermerhorn
- Was a fraternity at one time

The Polyonomous

- 1829
- also known as the "School House" located next to the chapel
- A small wooden structure seen in many of the early images of South Main Street buildings.
- From January 2, 1829-July 31, 1832 the Academic school was kept in this building where lectures, debates, and meetings were held. (Hobart Herald 3/1887 V. 8 pg 132)
- In 1847-1848 the building was fitted as a chapel (Hobart Herald 3/1887 V. 8 pg 132)
- Since 1868 the building has been used as a science building, a gymnasium, a residence, and a refectory (Hobart Herald 3/1887 V. 8 pg 132)
- At 1 am on October 9, 1901 the Polyonomous building burned. (Hobart Herald undated)

Gerhart House

- 1829? 1832?
- 623 South Main
- Built by William E. Sill

Hale House

- 1831
- the Old President's House, located at the foot of Colt's Hill on the southwest corner of Exchange and Washington Streets
- The house was purchased by the college in 1840 for $2,500 (Hobart Herald 3/1887 V. 8 pg 132)
- In 1844 it was sold to President Hale and then resold to the college in 1858 (Hobart Herald 3/1887 V. 8 pg 132)
- The building ceased to be the President's house in 1885 (Hobart Herald 3/1887 V. 8 pg 132)

Middle Building

- 1835
- Between Geneva Hall and Trinity, burned in 1885
- Contractor and Architect was A. A. Bird of Ithaca
- Original use was as the first building for the Medical Institution of Geneva College.
- In 1846 it was refurbished to house the library, recitation rooms and President's office.

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Hillcrest House

- 1835
- 159 St. Clair Street
- Built by Jacob Farr
- The house has had multiple owners and many connections to the colleges: General Swift was a Hobart Professor, Erastus Rogers was a Hobart graduate, Fraternities dined at the house when it was a boarding house, and William Smith students frequently went to the house when it was a tea room, and William Scandling a Hobart alum and founder of SAGA bought the residence in 1959 (HWS press release).
- In 1915 the house was renovated by I. Edgar Hill
- Beverly Chew gave the house the name Hillcrest
- In 1962 it became a William Smith College residence.
- In 1982 it became the home of the William Smith College Dean.

President's House

- 1836
- (Gallagher House) 690 South Main Street
- Original Owner - Adrian Muller
- In 1883 the house became property of the Colleges
- Said to be the first house with pillars in Grecian style in Geneva
- Became the President's House in 1884- present
- Has gone through many remodeling, balcony, sidings, front steps

Trinity Hall

- 1837
- 660 South Main Street
- President Hale was the architect and the Major contributor was Trinity Corporation of the Episcopal Church at a sum of $7,000
- A library was on the 3rd floor, otherwise a dormitory.
- 1876 refitted and supplied with the modern conveniences gas, steam etc.
- Remodeled in 1964
- The building was remodeled and included the addition of The Salisbury Center for career services at Trinity Hall in 2004; Macon Chaintreuil Jensen & Stark Architects LLP and Heuber Breuer Contractor
- The renovation combines a new home for Career Services, Center for Global Education and Public Service offices, pre-health and pre-law programs (information gathered from the colleges' website)

Kappa Alpha

- 1838
- 600 South Main Street
- Built by W.W. Watson

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- Sold to Phineas Prouty, a prominent banker who bought it for his daughter Augusta Chew, the house has been in the Chew family for 75 years
- Bought by the Kappa Alpha Society in 1952

Bradford House

- 1840
- 629 South Main Street
- Hobart and William Smith Colleges Admissions building
- Adobe house in Gothic Revival style
- First owned by the Bradfords, Mrs. Bradford began a school in the building in the 1850's after the disappearance of her husband, but closed the school and took her daughters to Europe to be educated after the Civil War. Mrs. Bradford also wrote one of the histories of early Geneva.
- In 1883 the Misses Bridges bought the building and established a school in it; in 1900 the school was moved to DeLancey Street
- The colleges bought the building in 1967
- Formally used as the William Smith Admissions building
- In April 2006 the building was renovated and enlarged to house all of admissions

New Medical Building

- 1843
- Lakeside South Main Street, a plaque now marks the place
- Building funded by a $15,000 state grant (Hobart Herald 3/1887 V. 8 pg 132)
- The building from which Elizabeth Blackwell graduated
- Vacated in 1872 when the Medical Institution of Geneva College Closed
- The Building Burned in 1877 probably set by a local arsonist.

Stewardson House

- 1844
- 780 South Main Street
- William Anderson Architect
- Named in honor of President Stewardson, 1902-1912
- Purchased in 1980 to be used as a faculty house and guest house.
- William Smith Honors House (2005-7)

451 Pulteney

- 1850
- Environmental Studies Program offices

Phi Sigma Kappa

- 1855

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• 704 South Main Street
• Built by Isaac A. Hawley
• Fraternity left campus and the house has been used as a theme house
• Culinary Cottage (2006-7)

**Sigma Chi**

- 1855
- 775 South Main Street
- Built by Phineas Prouty
- After several owners was purchased by Professor Francis P. Nash in 1884
- Professor Nash's son, Arthur, was the architect for Smith Hall and Miller House

**St. John's Chapel**

- 1860-1863
- 636 South Main Street
- Richard Upjohn, Architect
- Through the generosity and good offices of William B. Douglas the chapel was built at the cost of approximately $8,000
- Originally the chapel was built in English College Chapel style with the pews running the length of the Nave and facing each other. (G/ MSS File/28.11)
- For more on the symbols within the chapel see G/ MSS File/28.11
- For more information on the design of the building see register of Hobart College, Geneva, N.Y. for the Academic Year 1863-1864

**Blackwell House**

- 1860's
- 40 Clair Circle
- Richard Upjohn and Son Architects
- Built for William B. Douglas, a retired banker from Troy, NY. Mr. Douglas and his sister became interested in the young college and were principal donors of several early buildings. Douglas also served as a trustee.
- Purchased with funds from the William Smith grant in 1908 for $27,500
- Named in honor of Elizabeth Blackwell, who knew before she died that the first dormitory of a new college was named in her honor.
- The porch is an addition and the architect was James D. Curtin
- In 1912 the back of the house was remodeled to teach domestic science

**Observatory**

- 1870
- No longer standing

**Old Maintenance and Storage Building**

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• 1873

Merritt Hall

• 1879
• 670 South Main Street
• Cutler of Rochester, Architect
• Mrs. Julia Douglas Merritt, sister of William Bradley Douglas, donated funds for this building as well as the Demarest Library. (Douglas was a Trustee of Hobart and major contributor during the latter half of the 19th century).
• It was built of limestone and materials from the ruins of the old Medical College.
  (notebook: Druid Society Notes)
• Building housed the classrooms and the chemistry labs.(Notebook:Druid Society Notes )
• It also housed a clock in the strange "hump" toward the back of the building and was nicknamed "Dromedary Hall" by the students. (Notebook: Druid Society Notes)
• Remodeled in 1960

Boat House

• 1877
• No longer standing

The Goldstein Family Carriage House

• 1882
• Original owner W.J. King
• Renovated in 2006 by QPK Design architect and LECESSE Construction Co. contractors
• The renovated Carriage House will include a digital imaging lab and a photo studio with a dark room for black and white photography.
  (Information gathered from the colleges' website)

Chaplain's House

• 1870
• 630 South Main Street
• Richard Michel Upjohn, Architect
• Major donor was Mrs. Julia Douglas Merritt, who also provided funds for the Chapel.

Demarest Memorial Library

• 1885-1886
• 636 South Main Street
• Richard Michel Upjohn, Architect.

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• Principal donor, Mrs. Agnes Demarest, whose grandparents had lived in Geneva. She also gave money for the first addition on the north for stack space and for scholarships. Her gifts eventually added to one hundred thousand dollars.
• Mrs. Merritt also contributed funds.
• The final addition was added in 1964 and was converted to office space in 1976 when the Warren Hunting Smith Library was built.
• For more on the history of Hobart College Library Collection see (G/ Q/020/V193b)

Alumni Hall

• 1886-1887
• Stood on the incline back of Merritt, Burned 1915
• Richard Michel Upjohn, Architect. Least successful of the Upjohn buildings.
• First two stories occupied by gymnasium, classrooms, and a museum stood at the south end of the college quadrangle, used for storage after 1900 and it burned in 1915.
• In its construction some of the bricks from the Middle Building were used, but after two burnings the bricks were no longer used for the future college buildings. (WHS)
• The building burned as a result of the Cremation of Calculus Ceremony on June 12, 1915

McDaniels House

• 1879
• 645 South Main Street
• Named after Joseph Hertherington McDaniels (1840-1933), Professor of Greek 1868-1911 and 1997 Distinguished Faculty Awardee.
• Current Events and Issues (2005-6))
• Creative Arts (2006-7)

Houghton House

• 1880
• 1792 a house was built on the land and became known as Mile Point House
• 1856 Thomas C. Reed opened the Walnut Hill School, an all-boys school which closed in 1875
• In 1880 William J. King demolished the school buildings before building his new home, Houghton House
• Remodeled in 1913 by widow of Charles F. Houghton who had married Charles Delameter Vail, H. 1859, professor and librarian of the Colleges.
• It was given to the Colleges by her heirs in 1943 for use as a women's dormitory, and in 1970 became the home of the Fine Arts Department
• The Vail's considered it their summer house and in the winter lived in the present Sigma Phi House. The current VFW house was their beach house.

Alumni House

• 1888

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- 615 South Main Street
- Original owner David L Stacy, 1915 home of Henry H. Lynn, 1926-1940 home of George M.B. Hawley, Hobart 1892
- 1971-1974 Capuchin Father's Monastery, from whom the Colleges brought it, in 1974

**Smith Observatory**

- 1888
- Castle Street
- In 1906 donated to the colleges as part of the Foundation of William Smith College

**Finger Lakes Institute**

- 1890
- 601 South Main Street
- First owned by Sigma Phi
- Previously rented to Geneva Residents (Herald 10/2/1992)
- Acquired by the Colleges in 1992 (Herald 10/2/1992)
- In September 2002, state Senator Michael F. Nozzolio (R-Fayette) secured $1 million in startup money to develop the Finger Lakes Institute (FLI) into a green facility relying solely on renewable energy.
- Renovated into the Finger Lakes institute in 2004, Architect was Macon Chaintreuil Jensen & Stark Architects LLP and contractor was LECESSE Construction Co.
- Currently holds labs, classrooms, exhibition space, and offices
- Working with a budget and the existing framework of a building built in the 1800s, Hobart and William Smith Colleges students in Professor Drennen and Professor McGuire's class researched, developed, and designed potential energy options to exist in the framework of the house.
- The house is a completely green facility using wind, solar, and geothermal energy.
(Information gathered from the colleges' website)

**737 South Main**

- 1891
- Owned by Mrs. Oudin
- Currently the community service house
- Community Service House (2005-7)

**412 Pulteney Street**

- 1900
- Student Housing
- Christian Fellowship Cooperative (2005-7)

**Folwell House**

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- 1900
- 764 South Main Street
- Named in honor of William Watts Folwell, Hobart 1857, who became the first president of the University of Minnesota
- Women's Cooperative (2005-6)
- Asian Languages House (2006-7)

Coxe Hall

- 1901
- 337 Pulteney Street
- Named for the second Bishop of Episcopal Church Western NY
- Designed by Clinton and Russell, of NY City
- Bishop Coxe had a special affinity for Hobart College because several members of his family attended the College
- A classroom wing was added in 1929 - gift of Fred Morgan Kirby of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania
- The building has had several uses - Theatre, ball rooms, eating spaces, Provosts and Presidents' offices, classrooms, offices.
- 1942 Coxe Hall basement was remodeled as a Student Union and Little Theatre Dressing Room wings added - Gift of Dr. Peter C. Cornell of Buffalo, New York and the Alumni of Hobart College
- Blanchard Bartlett Walker gave the funds in 1970 to refurbish the Coxe Hall theatre and to be named in memory of her mother, Blanchard H. Bartlett, wife of President Bartlett (1919-1936) and during that time she was the director of the Theatre 1919-1936.

Medbery Hall

- 1901
- 327 Pulteney Street
- Clinton and Russell Architects designed the building in Jacobean style
- Named in memory of two uncles of Miss Catherine Tuttle who gave the money to be used for a dormitory
- Medbery was designed without long hallways "conductive to rioting" which were found in Geneva and Trinity Halls. (Notebook: Druid Society Notes)
- Remodeled in 1961

Smith Hall

- 1907
- 352 Pulteney Street
- Arthur Nash-architect
- Donor- William Smith
- First academic building for the new William Smith College and was used largely as a science building for both colleges

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Boswell Field

- 1907
- Gift of Charles P. Boswell, Hobart 1860
- Warren Hunting Smith in his history of the Colleges, gives 1907 as the beginning date for Boswell Field which was moved to the present site in 1974 due to the building of the Warren Hunting Smith Library in 1976. The last game was played at the original site May 11, 1974.

Williams Hall

- 1909
- 327 Pulteney Street
- Arthur Nash (son of Professor Nash and grandson of Bishop Coxe), Architect
- Building in memory of a 12-year-old Charles Rose Williams who drowned according to information of plaque on the front of the building with funds from Mrs. Emery of Cincinnati, Ohio
- It was built as a gymnasium with a swimming pool in the basement and a track on the second floor
- Mrs. Houghton Vail contributed $500,000 for the pool (Hobart's first substitute for Seneca Lake, WHS)
- Converted to classrooms when Bristol was built.
- Renovated in 1965-1966 (after Bristol Gymnasium was built) to hold classrooms, a bookstore, and the post office

Miller House

- 1911
- 44 St. Clair Circle
- Arthur Nash-architect, William Smith-major donor
- Named for Elizabeth Smith Miller, daughter of Gerrit Smith one of the predominate abolitionists and his daughter was one of the area's active suffragists, her home being a focal point for Geneva's Society. Also a close friend of William Smith

New Maintenance and Storage Building

- 1913
- Riggalls Construction
- In 1942 converted from College Garages

Faculty Dining Room

- 1914
- Owner Humphrey Press

Farm House

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• 1915
• 169 St. Clair
• Built by Professor James M. Williams, one of the original professors brought here with the William Smith grant funds. He founded the department of Sociology and taught here from 1908 until 1941.

10 College Ave.
• 1915
• rental unit
• Owned by W.I Herendeen

Sill House
• 1917
• 710 South Main Street
• Named for Ellen Sill, William Smith 1927, killed in an automobile accident whose mother established a scholarship in her memory.
• Purchased by the colleges in 1939 and founded as the first co-op
• Originally at 31 Ver Plank, built in 1917; moved to 710 South Main in 1966
• In 1993 it became coeducational
• The students who have lived in the co-op houses seem not to mind if the actual structure has moved, but do maintain an almost fierce loyalty to the name of the house, as in the case of Sill and Brent
• Green House (2005-7)

Zappler House
• 1917
• 577 South Main
• Last owner Dr. Zappler

1 Cloverleaf
• 1920
• Student Housing
• Purchased in the early 1980s
• Demolished in 2014

121 St. Clair Street
• 1921
• Student Housing
• Owned by Professor H.H. Yeames

133 St. Clair Street

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• 1922
• Student Housing
• Owned by Harry D. Marshall
• Multicultural Sisterhood (2005-6)
• Pathways House (2006-7)

121 Hamilton Street

• 1922
• Rental Unit

Bampton House

• 1925
• 720 South Main Street
• Named after James Bampton, Hobart 1932, Honorary Degree in 1968. National Alumni
Chairman during the Capital Gift Campaign of 1960 and member of the Board of
Trustees
• Acquired by the Colleges in 1986
• Original owner W.J. Brennan
• Hobart Leadership House (2005-7)
• More detailed information is available [here](#)

99 St. Clair

• 1925
• Student Housing
• Owned by Marten Dowd
• International Awareness House (2005-6)

420 Pulteney Street

• 1927
• Student Housing
• Owned by John W. McQuire

400 Pulteney

• 1928
• Student housing

Residential Education

• 1929
• 101 St. Clair Street
• Owned by Professor Lawson

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109 Hamilton Street

- 1930
- Rental Unit

Comstock House

- 1932
- 41 St. Clair Circle
- Hobart Upjohn Architect
- Named for Anna Botsford Comstock, friend of William Smith and the first woman to be named a member of the Board of Trustees

Trowbridge House

- 1940
- 129 St. Clair
- Opened to William Smith Students in 1967
- Writer's House Cooperative (2005-7)

746 South Main

- 1941
- Student Housing
- La Maison Francophone (2005-7)

Barracks on Campus

- 1942-1951
- Five temporary buildings used as male dormitories
- Acquired from the former Sampson Naval Station

Intercultural Affairs House

- 1943
- 288 Pulteney Street
- Purchased in 1981 to be used as Third World Cultural Center.

15 Ver Plank Street

- 1949
- Student Housing
- Owned by Professor H.E. Lansing

295 Pulteney Street

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- 1949

**Brent House**

- 1950
- 287 Pulteney Street
- Named for Bishop Charles Henry Brent
- First building named Brent House was located on South Main next to the President's house in 1938. Demolished in 1978.
- Present building opened on Pulteney St. in 1981
- The trustees in 1932 said "the proper preservation of Bishop Brent's name in connection with some memorial…"
- Demolished in 2014

**The Barn**

- 1950
- St. Clair Street
- Architects John Harvey Associates Architects
- Remodeled into a social center in 1979

**Beta Sigma Cooperative**

- 1950
- 756 South Main Street
- Substance Free House (2006-7)
- Vegetarian Cooperative (2005-7)

**113 Hamilton Street**

- 1950
- WEOS

**402 Pulteney Street**

- 1950
- Student Housing
- Green House (2005-7)
- Harmony Hamlet (2005-7)
- International Awareness House (2006-7)

**408 Pulteney Street**

- 1950
- Student Housing
- Jewish Culture Cooperative (2005-7)

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730 South Main

- 1950
- Student Housing
- HWS School Spirit House (2005-6)

Stucco House

- 1950
- 283 Pulteney St.
- Student Housing
- Music Performance House (2005-6)
- Demolished in 2014

Durfee Hall

- 1950-51
- 355 Pulteney Street
- Durfee was named for both William Pitt Durfee and his son, Walter Hetherington Durfee, H. 1908. Both were professors of mathematics, deans, interim presidents, and represent a combined 81 years of service to the colleges.
- Hoffman. O'Brien. Look & Taube, P.C Architects

Bartlett Hall

- 1950-51
- 353 Pulteney Street
- Named for President Murray Bartlett, 1919-1936
- Renovated in 1993 by Hoffman, O'Brien, Look and Taube

Hale Hall

- 1950-51
- 351 Pulteney Street
- Named for President Benjamin Hale, 1836-1858
- Hoffman. O'Brien. Look & Taube, P.C Architects

Gulick Hall

- 1951
- 349 Pulteney Street
- Named for Merle Gulick, Hobart 1930, member and chairman of the Board of Trustees and principal donor of the building.
- Renovated twice, 1990 the latest
- It was first used as a dining hall/student union building

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"The Rochester Chapter of the American Institute of Architects awarded Gulick hall its top design award, renovation designed by Patterson Mossien Architects in 1991 for $3.6 million (The herald 9/18/1992)

282 St. Clair Street

- 1952
- Rental Unit (not listed in current directory)

Lansing Hall

- 1954
- 24 St. Clair Street
- Named for John Ernest Lansing, Professor of Chemistry 1905-1948 who twice served as acting president
- D.M. Allison Architect

25 Ver Plank Street

- 1954
- Student Housing (not listed in current directory)
- Owned by H.L. Scott

Albright Auditorium

- 1957
- St. Clair Street
- Named for Raymond W. Albright, Trustee

Eaton Hall

- 1957
- St. Clair Street
- Lozier Architects and Engineers
- Named for Elon Howard Eaton, Professor of Biology 1908-1935. Eaton, one of New York's outstanding ornithologists, and was one of the professors brought here with William Smith grants funds. He received the Distinguished Faculty Award in 1992

Sherrill Hall

- 1959
- 119 St. Clair Street
- D.M. Allison, Architect

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• When it was first opened Sherrill housed 166 men, a lounge/ballroom (where the Bookstore is now) and a recreational facility in the basement
• In 1970 Sherrill Hall was the center of national attention when the ROTC offices, located in the basement were firebombed by two Hobart students. They were encouraged in this operation by the infamous "Tommy the Traveler" who was an undercover FBI agent, posing as a member of the Students for a Democratic Society. (Notebook: Druid Society Notes)

Andrew D. Hubbs Infirmary

• 1959
• 119 St. Clair Street
• Robert S. Newman Associates, Architects
• Named for Andrew D. Hubbs, Hobart 1918, first physician of Hobart College and a member of prominent Geneva Family and Hobart graduates.
• Remodeled in 1981
• Now Hubbs Health Center

Shepard House

• 1960? 1966?
• 141 St. Clair Street
• Montgomery Sanford Architect
• Sold to the Colleges in 1986 by John Shephard in what is known as a bargain sale, i.e. sold to the colleges for less than half its market value.
• Youth Enrichment House (2005-7)

St. Mark's Tower

• 1961
• Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Byron S. Miller.
• At this time St. John's chapel was enlarged and the pews were rearranged to face the altar. (G/ MSS File/28.11)
• The Tower joins the chapel and the library together creating a physical symbol of the union of religion and learning.
• The Design of the new St. John's Chapel is the work of Fredrick J. Woodbridge and Lewis G. Adams of Adams and Woodbridge, New York. (G/ MSS File/28.11)

Hirshson House

• 1962
• 46 St. Clair Circle
• Hobart Upjohn, Architect
• Named for president of the Colleges from 1955-1966

Bristol Gymnasium

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1965
36 St. Clair Street
Named for Robert Bristol, Hobart 1931, and long-time member of trustees and principal donor
Sargant, Webster, Crenshaw, Folley Architects

Jackson Hall

1966
425 Pulteney Street
Named of the Revered Abner Jackson, President 1858-1867
D.M. Allison Architect
Completely renovated in 2005. Included in these renovations were the additions of quad living arrangements (two double bed rooms connected by a common living room) and the construction of open lounge spaces and lounges on every floor.

Potter Hall

1966
445 Pulteney Street
"Named for John Milton Potter, President 1942-1947, who died while in office and who had a strong impact on the Colleges. His collection of rare books devoted to history was given to the Colleges. From the beginning of the Colleges most of the presidents have bequeathed their libraries, thus adding many rare and important books to the library.
Potter was the first coeducational dorm in 1971
D.M. Allison Architect
Completely renovated in 2005. Included in these renovations were the additions of quad living arrangements (two double bed rooms connected by a common living room) and the construction of open lounge spaces and lounges on every floor.

Rees Hall

1966
435 Pulteney
Named after Major James Rees (1763-1851) a founding member of Hobart College and Geneva Medical College and served on the first Board of Trustees. Rees, an acquaintance of Washington and Hamilton, was the chief force in securing the funds needed for Hobart to be granted a charter by New York State
D.M. Allison Architect
Completely renovated in 2005. Included in these renovations were the additions of quad living arrangements (two double bed rooms connected by a common living room) and the construction of open lounge spaces and lounges on every floor.

JPR aka The Superdorm (Comprised of Jackson, Potter, and Rees)
• In 1970s after Sherrill was firebombed, "Tommy the Traveler" and members from the Ontario County Sheriff's Department attempted a drug raid of the Superdorm, which resulted in a several hour long confrontation between students and police in the Superdorm driveway (notebook: Druid Society Notes)

**Outdoor Hockey Rink**

• 1966
• no longer in existence

**Emerson Hall**

• 1969
• 185 Hamilton Street
• White and Harvey, Architects
• Named for William Emerson, Chairman of Committee on Aims of the Colleges, and founder of the Emerson Society
• Built originally as a William Smith dormitory, it is now a coeducational residence

**Winn-Seeley Gymnasium**

• ca. 1964
• 183 McCormick Drive
• Sargent, Webster, Crenshaw, Folley Architects
• Named for Marcia Winn and Janet Seeley, two William Smith faculty members who taught in the physical education department for many years. Dedicated in their names in 1970.
• Built on the same location of the William Smith Gymnasium. In 1908 the McCormick carriage house was remodeled to become the William Smith Gymnasium with funds from the William Smith Foundation

**Gate House**

• 1972
• Athletics
• John Harvey Architect

**Warren Hunting Smith Library**

• 1976
• 330 Pulteney Street
• Warner, Burns, Toan and Lund Architects
• Named for Warren Hunting Smith, Trustee, was the major donor to the building. He was the grandnephew of William Smith, whose father was an alumnus of Hobart College, and long-time member of the Trustees. He also wrote the definitive history of the colleges
• Renovated by Hillier Architect

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Scandling Center

- 1984
- 300 Pulteney Street
- Named after William Scandling, Hobart 1949
- William Scandling was one of a trio of students at Hobart immediately after World War II who started a food service in 1948 at the colleges after the cafeteria had closed due to a lack of funds. They named their food service SAGA after the final letters of Kanadesaga, the Indian name for Geneva. After they graduated, SAGA became a multi-million dollar operation with corporate headquarters in California serving mainly college populations.
- Scandling served his alma mater well as trustee and major donor of the Scandling Center and other projects since
- Herbert S. Newman Architects

Robert A. Bristol Field House

- 1985
- 283 Hamilton Street
- Named for Robert Bristol, Hobart 1931, and long-time member of trustees and principal donor
- Sashi Associates Inc. Architects

William Elliott Varsity House

- 1989
- White and Harvey Architects

Rosenberg Hall of Science/Napier Classroom Center

- 1994
- 24 St. Clair Street
- Ellenzweig Associates, Architects
- Named for Henry A. Rosenberg, Hobart 1952, principal donor

Hellstrom Boat House

- 1994
- HWS Crew Boat House
- Original architect Craig M. Wademan AIA

Henry W. Hanley Preserve

- 1994
- Lender Road
- 108 acre wildlife refuge.
- Richard Ryan Field Laboratory was opened in 1994

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Village at Odell's Pond

- 1995
- 218 St. Clair Street
- Named for Professor Theodore T. Odell, Hobart 1920, and Professor of Biology from 1921-1965 and Distinguished faculty Awardee
- Richard L. Rosen A.I.A

L. Thomas Melly Academic Center

- 1997
- 330 Pulteney Street
- Hillier Architect
- Named of Thomas Melly, Hobart 1952. Trustee and Chairman of the Board and principal contributor to the building

Bozzuto Boat House

- 2003
- Daniel R. Long Architect, LECESSE Construction Co. Contractor
- Hobart and William Smith championship sailing team
- Bozzuto Boathouse is named in honor of Charles Bozzuto, father of the project's lead donor, Thomas S. Bozzuto 1968 (trustee). (information gathered from the colleges' website)

Stern Hall

- 2003
- Houses the Political Science, Anthropology/Sociology, Economics, and Asian Languages and Cultures Departments (information gathered from the colleges' website)

Caird Hall

- 2005
- Herbert S. Newman and Partners Architects
- Dedicated June 1, 2007 as Caird Hall honor of James F. ’56 and Cynthia L. Caird.

DeCordova Hall

- 2005
- Herbert S. Newman and Partners Architects
- Formally known as South Hall

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• Dedicated as DeCordova Hall on June 2, 2006 (information gathered from the colleges' website)

Katherine D. Elliott Building

• 2006
• Studio Art Building
• Financed in part by a $1.25 million gift from Katherine D. Elliott 1966 (trustee), the arts building represents the largest single donation by a William Smith alumna.
• QPK Design Architect, LECESSE Construction Co. contractor
• Provides 14,600 square feet of new academic space, including classrooms, offices, studios for painting and photography and printing, wood and metal shops. (Information gathered from the colleges' website)

Gearan Center for the Performing Arts

• Dedicated on January 23, 2016
• Named for President Mark D. Gearan and Mary Gearan
• Architect: GUND Partnership (Massachusetts)
• Construction manager: Welliver
• From the Daily Update article: “The Gearan Center, which began construction in mid-2014, is consistent with the campus architecture and includes many classic elements such as warm bricks, elegant stone, and steep-pitched roofs crowned with natural Vermont slate. To uphold the Colleges’ commitment to sustainability and in an effort to reduce the environmental impact, the building is expected to achieve LEED Silver Certification or better.”

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