



WATAUGA HALL

Constructed in 1893, the original Watauga Residence Hall burned down in 1901. That same fire almost destroyed Holladay Hall, but wary students kept the building doused with water. The residence hall was rebuilt with the same architectural plans in 1903. Deriving its name from the famous Watauga Club, which urged state legislature for the creation of NC State, Watauga Hall has been the site of numerous pranks. One such prank included an abandoned blind mule on the roof. Watauga, which means “the land beyond” in Cherokee, still stands today as the oldest residence hall on campus. *Photo courtesy of University Archives*



THOMPSON THEATRE

Frank Martin Thompson was an active State College athletic student and team captain. Thompson left school to fight in World War I and died in Germany. In 1925, Thompson Gymnasium was built and named in his honor. The 2,800-seat gymnasium housed men's basketball and an indoor pool. In 1949, basketball games moved to Reynolds Coliseum, and in 1963 the building was renovated to house University Theatre's full production activities, performances and classes, and the Crafts Center's eight technology-rich studios designed for classes in pottery, weaving, fiber arts, photography, woodworking, glass, jewelry, and lapidary. *Photo contributed by Roger Winstead*



PARK SHOPS

One of the more familiar buildings on campus is Park Shops, named after former NC State superintendent Charles Benjamin Park. Park served the university for nearly 50 years. Built in 1914, it originally housed the mechanical engineering department and included woodworking, machinery and welding shops, along with forge, foundry and other spaces. New Year's Eve 1919 brought a fire which destroyed the East Wing; however, it was promptly rebuilt the following year. The building was beautifully renovated in 2009, though officials had called for its demolition. Today the space houses classrooms, the tutorial center, and of course, a Port City Java. *Photo contributed by Roger Winstead*