



A view of **EARLY CAMPUS** looking east in 1907. Photo from 1907 Agromeck.

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RICH WITH HISTORY—NC STATE'S BELOVED CAMPUS ORIGINATES FROM INDUSTRIOUS ROOTS

The North Carolina General Assembly founded the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts on March 7, 1887. Designated as a land-grant college under the Morrill Act of 1862, the school followed the act's mission of providing practical higher education still largely unavailable to farmers, industrial workers and others outside the upper class. By focusing on agriculture and mechanic arts, these new land-grant schools gave students the opportunity to receive a

college education regardless of their income level or social status.

Although the campus has always been located in Raleigh, the name of the institution has changed often, meeting with clashes between alumni, the General Assembly and the UNC System.

In the 1910s, partisans used the name "State College" to describe the curriculum expansion beyond the original mission set forth by the legislature. The State College nickname found its way into the proper name in 1917 when the

school officially became known as the North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Engineering, replacing the outmoded term "mechanic arts."

North Carolina's three public institutions, the University of North Carolina, NC State and the Women's College at Greensboro, were consolidated into the University of North Carolina by the General Assembly in 1931 to save money during the Great Depression. The name was changed to the North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Engineering