Harwood Hall

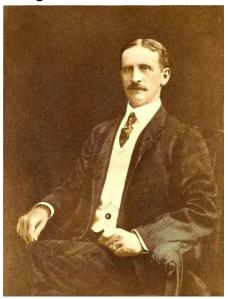


Harwood Hall, looking west, early 1950s

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In 1895-96, George Watts moved his original house across South Duke Street to make way for Harwood Hall, in the midst of the American Tobacco Company h dominating American cigarette manufacture. Designed by Rand and Taylor of Boston, Harwood Hall was a three-story chateau of pink granite. George Watts and his wife lived in Harwood Hall through the early decades of the 20th century. After the death of George Watts in 1921, his widow remained living at Harwood Hall and was later passed to Watt's daughter Annie and her husband John Sprunt Hill. The couple lived in the house from 1926 to 1938.

Geroge W. Watts



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Born in Maryland, George W. Watts (1851-1921) was an American manufacturer, financier and philanthropist. Watts founded the first hospital in Durham, Watts hospital and co-founded the American Tobacco Company alongside James B. Duke. Being the only non-family member in the company created some animosity between the oldest Duke son Brodie and Watts. In addition to founding the first clinical hospital, Watts also established the Watt's Hospital Training School for Nurses which is now a part of the Duke University Health System.

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