

**"Up beyond
the village
border/
Pointing in
the air/ Stand
her towers
seen far
distant/...
When the
day is fair..."**

- The Taylor Song

TAYLOR UNIVERSITY

H. Maria Wright Hall

1893-1960

H. Maria Wright Hall was the first building to be constructed on the Upland campus, its bricks formed from Upland clay.

The tower on the building's front was considered a landmark and symbol of the campus, similar to the Rice Bell Tower today. The bell in this tower served as a pulse for the campus, marking mealtimes, classes, and curfews. In 1960, the hall contained the administration offices, multiple departments, supplies, the museum, and mail facilities. On January 16, 1960, a fire broke out and in a mere four hours, the building was totally destroyed. Even with the complete loss of H. Maria Wright Hall, classes resumed only two days after the fire, demonstrating the resilient nature of the Taylor University community.



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