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The Town and Gown Architecture



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The  
Evolution  
of  
Chapel Hill

# The Town and Gown Architecture of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 1795–1975





*Henry Latane House*

Street but also because its complex modern style is rare in architecturally conservative West Chapel Hill. The two-story tan brick building has extensive large windows on the second story and a copper mansard eave. (A mansard roof has a double slope, with the lower slope longer and steeper than the upper.) At the northern front corner, a dramatically large triangular one-story wing, containing the entrance lobby, has wide cantilevered eaves with wooden supports that resemble Frank Lloyd Wright's Imperial Hotel in Tokyo (destroyed).

### Henry Latane House

212 Vance Street

Ca. 1928

One of the larger and more stylish early-twentieth-century houses in West Chapel Hill, this was

built for an unknown owner in the late 1920s. The Mediterranean Revival-style two-story brick house features a hipped green tile roof with exposed rafter tails, a simple entrance without porch, groups of six-over-one sash windows, and a side porch with brick posts. The house is sited on a large lot. In 1957 Henry A. Latane, a professor of finance, and his wife, Felicite, were the owner-occupants.

Source: 1957 City Directory.

### Isaac W. Pritchard House

400 Ransom Street

1890s

William N. Pritchard bought this property from Nancy McCollum Lewter and sold it in about 1884 to his brother Isaac Pritchard. In 1901 Isaac established the Blanche Hosiery Mill with a part-

ner in a section of the Alberta Cotton Mill in Carrboro, and he built this house for himself about the same time. The large Colonial Revival-style two-story house features a three-bay-wide facade, a hip roof, and interior chimneys. The gabled front dormer has a Palladian window. The house has one-over-one sash windows and a wraparound porch with Craftsman posts and a ramped railing. The door has one sidelight with Queen Anne muntins. The large comfortable house remained in the Pritchard family into the 1960s.

Source: Brown, *Carrboro, N.C.*, 12.



Isaac W. Pritchard House

### Paulsen Apartment House

405 Ransom Street

1924

Chapel Hill's first apartment house was built by G. H. Paulsen, superintendent of the university laundry, in 1924. The frame two-and-one-half-story Colonial Revival-style building betrays no hint on the exterior that it contained four apartments: a six-room apartment on the first floor, two three-room apartments on the second floor, and one four-room apartment in the attic. Access to the first-story apartment is through a handsome entrance with a transom, sidelights, and a Doric entablature. The other apartments shared a larger entrance beneath a side porch. The house has weatherboarded walls, eight-over-twelve and eight-over-eight sash windows, and three gabled dormers across the facade roof.



Paulsen Apartment House

Source: Doug Eyre, "Apartment Buildings Came to Chapel Hill in the 1920s," *Chapel Hill News*, June 26, 2002.