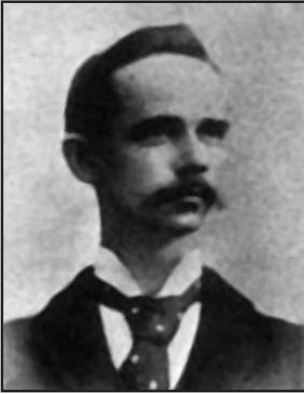


Pritchard



Pritchard Hall is named for **Samuel Reynolds Pritchard**. Pritchard, who was born in 1863, joined the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College faculty in 1893 after following President John M. McBryde from the University of South Carolina, where he had also been a faculty member. At VAMC, he served as professor of physics and electrical engineering from 1893 to 1935.

He helped to establish the department of electrical engineering and served as dean of engineering from 1918 to 1928. He resigned from the dean's role in 1928 but continued to serve as head of electrical engineering until he died while walking to class. He was credited with building a favorable reputation for the department of electrical engineering, and he helped to impact many early engineering students.

It is interesting to note that he was an instructor of Claudius Lee, who followed in Pritchard's footsteps as a professor and head of electrical engineering. The two men worked together on a number of projects.

Residence hall built: Construction started in 1965. A portion of Pritchard Hall opened in the spring of 1967 and the building was completed by fall 1967.

Construction firm: Carneal & Johnston

Dedication Date: May 13, 1968

Pritchard Hall Today

Community: Prairie

Type: Single-sex (male), traditional-style

Other: Prairie Area Office and mailroom on second floor west, fitness room on first floor west

Number of residents: 1,016

Staff: Complex director: 1

Graduate hall director: 1

Undergraduate hall director: 1

Resident advisors: East: 14, West: 15



Reference:

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