

# Vawter



Vawter Hall is named for **Charles Erastus Vawter Sr.** Vawter served as a member of the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College Board of Visitors from 1886 to 1900 and rector of the board from 1889 to 1900.

Vawter led the push to make Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College a true technical school. He personally recruited President John McBryde from the University of South Carolina and used his influence to get the Edison Company to install a power plant on campus. Some even say it was Vawter's idea to add the words "and Polytechnic

Institute" to the school's name, which happened in 1896.

His son, Vawter Jr., served as a professor of mathematics and physics and later electrical engineering.

**Residence hall built:** Vawter hall was first occupied in fall 1962.

**Construction firm:** Carneal & Johnston

**Dedication Date:** May 16, 1966

## Vawter Hall Today

**Community:** Presidents/Upper Quad

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

**Number of residents:** 326

**Staff:** Graduate hall director: 1

Resident advisors: 6



### References:

"Heroes and Heroines Set in Stone," by Su Clauson-Wickerand Netta Smith, in the fall 1995 issue of *Virginia Tech Magazine*.

University Archives of Virginia Tech, *Historical Data Book*, Section 6.5.

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