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History in a ‘Snap’!

The QR Code Buildings Project

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The Background: Building Web Pages

To document the architectural heritage of
Syracuse University

Current buildings – structures owned or leased by SU

Lost buildings – no longer exist in SU inventory either
through destruction, sale, termination of lease or extreme
alteration

Current count stands at almost **140** web pages



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Information about structure:

- Date built or acquired
- Architects, Contractors
- Cost
- Style
- Renovations
- Etc.

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Syracuse University Buildings:
Hall of Languages

Hall of Languages, SU Photo & Imaging RS 8776

Location Decided:	September 13, 1870
Building Plans Approved:	May 17, 1871
Cornerstone Laid by Bishop Peck:	August 31, 1871
Dedication:	May 8, 1873
Dedication Speaker:	Rev. Edmund S. James, Bishop of the New York Conference
Architect:	Horatio Nelson White
Contractors:	Randall and Nisidal, stone masons who had a stone yard on S. Salina Street, Syracuse
Cost:	\$136,000
Style:	Second Empire
Materials:	Onondaga Limestone, primarily wood framing with some interior cast-iron columns
Renovation:	1979
Cost of Renovation:	\$4 million
Architects for Renovation:	Sargent-Webster-Crenshaw & Foley, Syracuse, in association with Architectural Resources Cambridge, Inc., Cambridge, MA
Contractors for Renovation:	J.D. Taylor Construction Corporation, Syracuse

Notes:

This was the first building built on campus. Prior to its construction classes were held in the Myers Block on E. Genesee and Montgomery Streets in downtown Syracuse. The building was primarily an H-shape with recesses in the front and rear walls on either side of the central section. The rear recesses were partially occupied by coal houses. The east and west towers were part of the original construction; the central tower was not added until 1886. The east and west towers held large water tanks capable, it was believed, of flooding the entire structure in the event of fire. The west tower also held a 600 pound bell. The building originally rose 3 1/2 stories in the central section and 2 1/2 stories in the wings and was topped by a slate-covered mansard roof. Molded metal cornices sported stone brackets and the exterior walls had a "pecked" finish. The building was the home of the College of Liberal Arts from its beginning, although other schools and departments have also occupied the edifice, including the Registrar and the Chancellor. A section of the eastern wing is said to have been used as a natural science museum.

During the 1979 renovation very few alterations were made to the exterior. Glass-enclosed vestibules were added to the rear of the building and the lowering of the first floor to grade for the addition of an elevator revealed the building's stone foundation. A new central stairway housed in a five-story atrium. Five concrete floors were inserted where there had been four of wood. The old floors were removed and the original timber columns replaced with steel. Wood timbers, however, were retained in the mansard roof.

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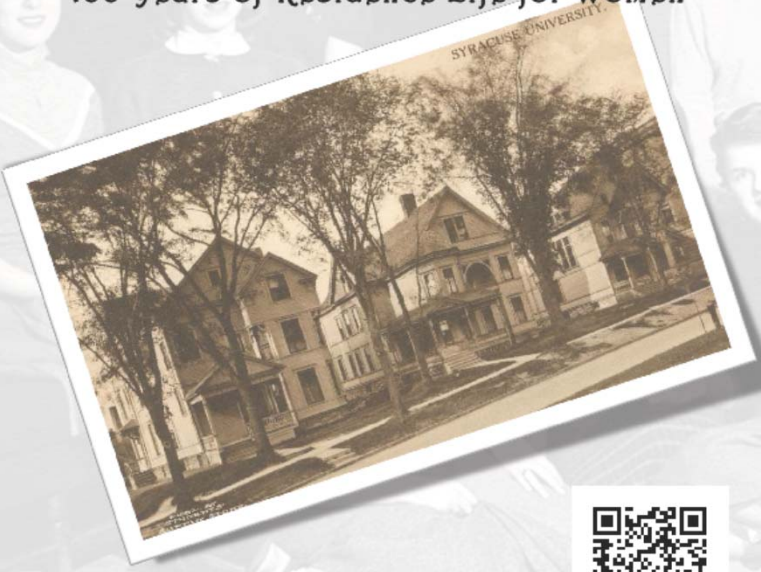
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The Idea


FROM THE COLLECTIONS OF SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT

Scenes of Cottage Life

100 Years of Residence Life for Women



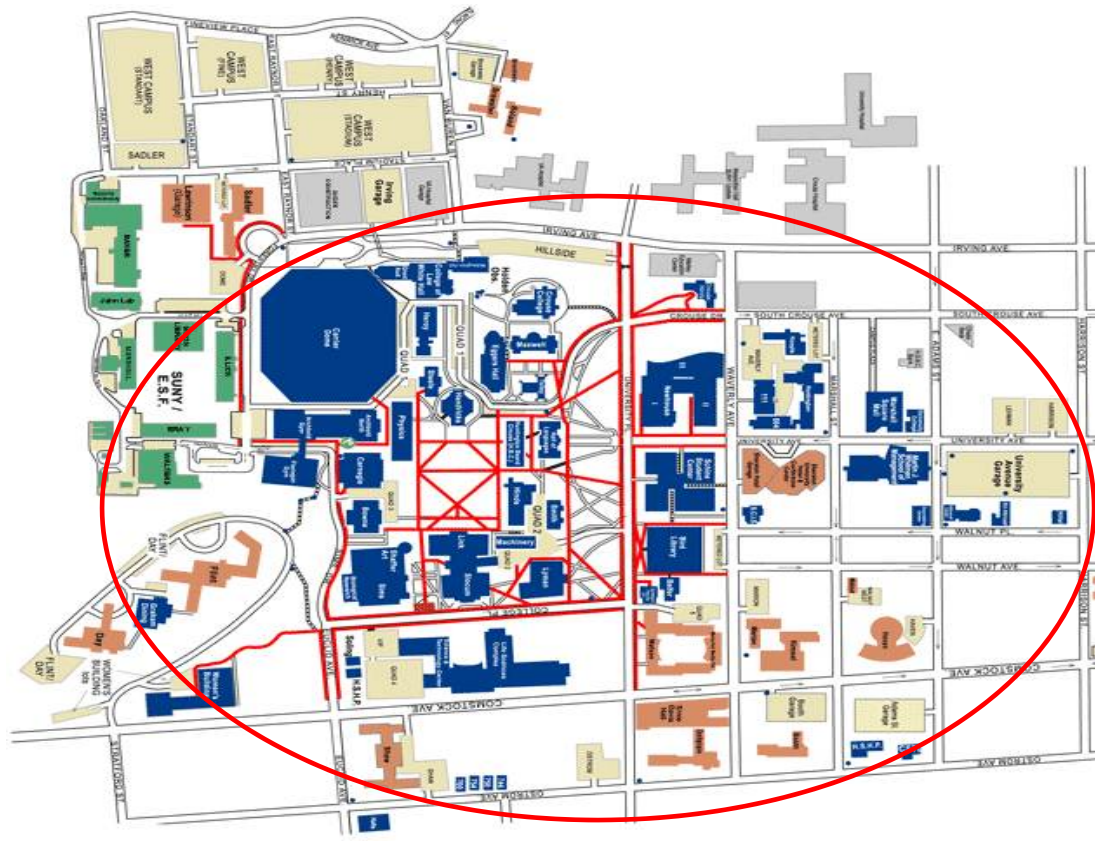
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VISIT US @ [ARCHIVES.SYR.EDU](https://archives.syr.edu) OR SNAP CODE





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The Project: Phase I





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The Codes



Good online software:

- free
- easy
- tracks use statistics
- archives all codes

Not the ideal generator:

- QR code production is a secondary function



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The Codes



<http://archives.syr.edu/buildings/hl.html>

*For more information on this building's history,
visit the Syracuse University Archives' website!*



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The Codes





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The Problem





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The Solution





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The Project: Phase II

Wooden Doors:

- 4 buildings

Buildings not included in Phase I:

- Near campus buildings, like cottages
- South campus
- Athletics Complex
- Remote buildings in NYC, Washington DC and the Adirondacks



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The Cost

Phase I:

- \$6.09 unit price (decals)
- \$1,065.75 total cost
- Covered by Archives

Phase II:

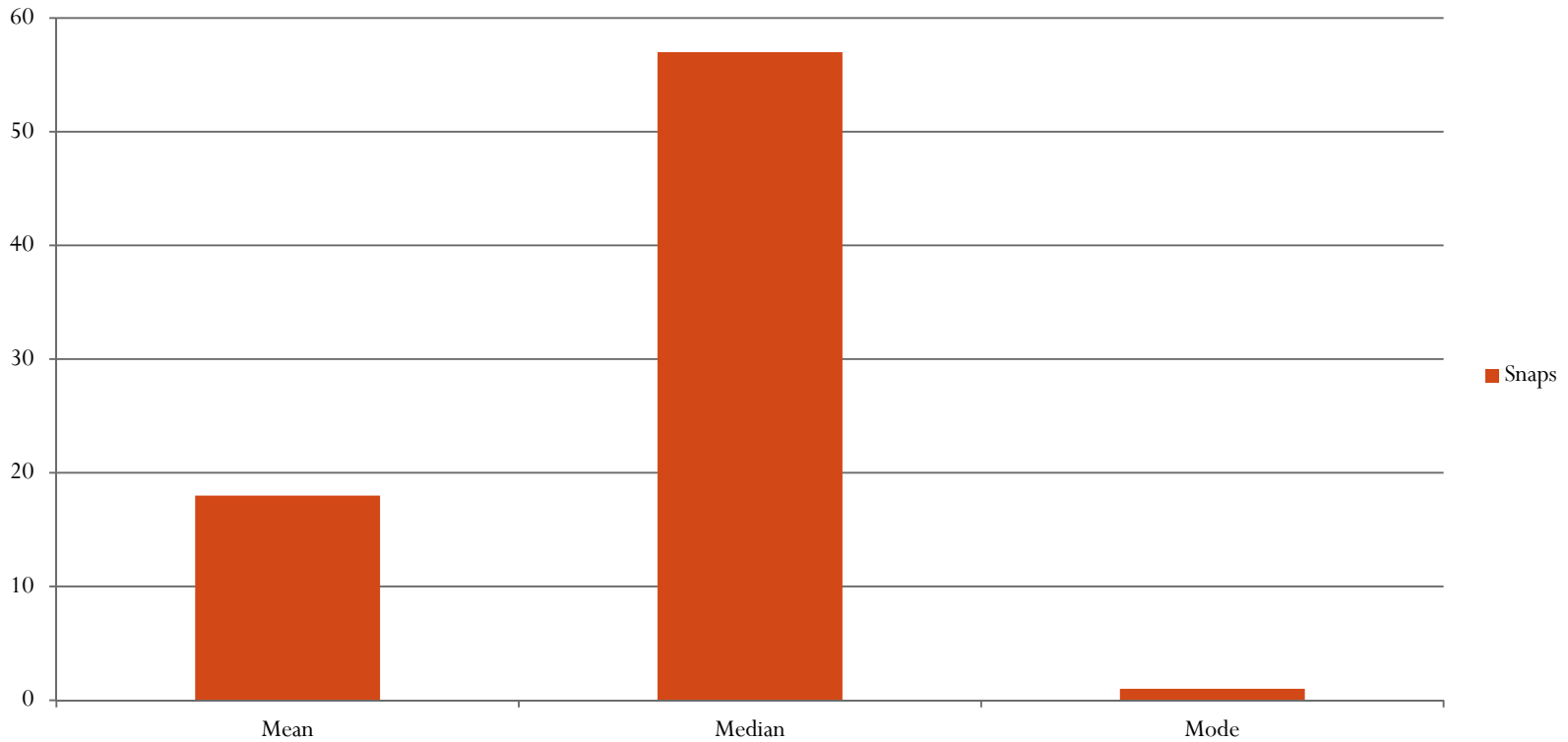
- Wooden Doors
 - \$74.00 unit price (metal signs)
 - \$90.00 installation fee
 - \$460.00 cost
 - Covered by Archives
- \$998.00 cost (decals)
- \$1,458.00 total cost
- Financial assistance offered by another department, ultimately cost covered by Archives



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The Results

Number of Snaps





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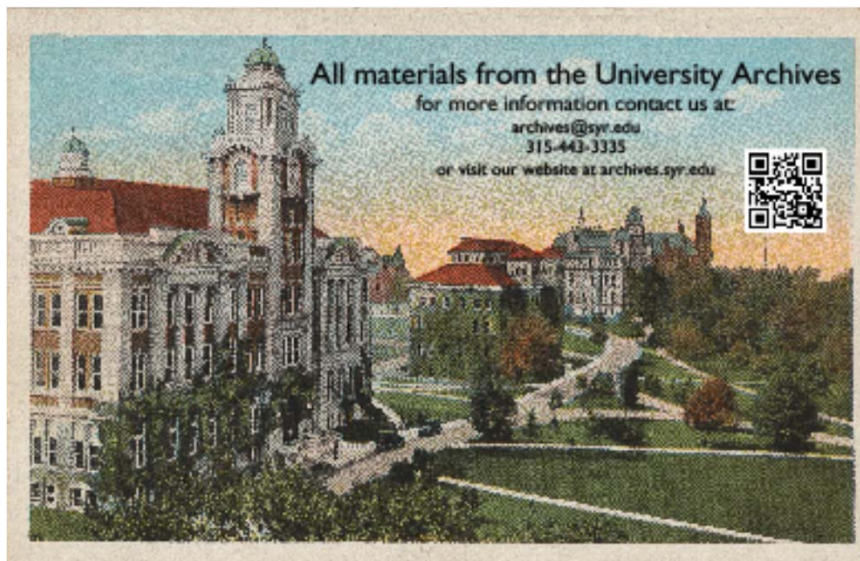
The Future






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SU History in a
“Snap”!

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QR Codes
have been placed on many main campus buildings. Use your smart-
phone camera and a free app (QR Droid or Qrafter for iPhone) and
“Snap” the codes for information on the buildings’ histories!



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The Future

Set in Stone: Constructing the Arlington Memorial Cairn

This exhibit presents the history of the Arlington Cemetery Memorial Cairn, built "In Remembrance of the Two Hundred and Seventy People Killed in the Terrorist Bombing of Pan American Airways Flight 103 Over Lockerbie, Scotland", and dedicated November 3, 1995. From the lobbying efforts that made it possible, to the designs that made it visible, follow the story of the Cairn as shown by the Pan Am Flight 103/Lockerbie Air Disaster Archives at Syracuse University.

Hendricks Chapel
Noble Room
November 4 - December 22
2011

For More Information on the Pan Am Flight 103/Lockerbie Air Disaster Archives visit archives.syr.edu/panam/

ELEVATION

VICTIMS OF PAN-AM FLIGHT 103
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Thank You!

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