

# Or, Why "Beall" is Spelled That Way

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Durham community.

After Watts Hospital shut its doors, no one imagined that it would re-open as a school for talented high school students. However, when Governor Jim Hunt was elected, he decided to revive the idea of former governor Terry Sanford, who believed in the idea of a "state-supported, live-in school for the education of talented high school students." Sanford had used this idea during his term to create The North Carolina School of the Arts, but his program ran out of funding before a school was built for science and math. In June of

1978, after the proposal to build this school was made by Governor Hunt, the General Assembly of North Carolina appropriated \$150,000 to found the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics. The former Watts Hospital was chosen for the site of this school be-

cause the Durham community was willing and able to work with the school, there was easy and appropriate library access for students, and adequate land and buildings were available for use. So, in September 1980, the first 150 students entered the old Watts Hospital and began a new

legacy as they became the first graduating class of the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics.

The information in this article was based on the book, Watts Hospital by P. Preston Reynolds.

## Watts Hospital Then and Now

Things have changed over the past century; some of the rooms we live in used to be delivery rooms or part of the morgue. Find out what your room used to be...

### Watts

1<sup>st</sup> floor – Lobby

2<sup>nd</sup> floor – Maternity Ward

3<sup>rd</sup> floor – Maternity and Pediatrics

Big Fish Tanks – Nursery

### Reynolds E

Ground floor – Morgue, Outpatient waiting Room

1<sup>st</sup> floor – Men's surgical patients

2<sup>nd</sup> floor – Urology

### Reynolds D

1<sup>st</sup> floor – Reception, Dining Room

### Reynolds C

Ground floor – Lab, Pathology, Electro-cardio graph room

1<sup>st</sup> floor – Surgical patients

2<sup>nd</sup> floor – Medical patients

### Beall

Ground floor – Gym, Physical therapy

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors – Private patient rooms

### Bryan

1<sup>st</sup> floor – Hospital administration

2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> floors – Patient rooms

### Science Floors

Chemistry – Surgery

Biology – Delivery

Physics – Laboratory

Wyche House – Home for nurses

Hill House – Dorms, classes, and labs

Art Studio – Operating Room

Library – X-rays



Watts Hospital, 1928

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Hill House living room, 1950

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Hill House, 1950

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Watts Hospital at night.

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