

~ AS YOU WERE ~



1870 ~ BUILDING WHERE
FIRST CLASSES WERE HELD



1872 ~ CANISIUS COLLEGE (LEFT)
& ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH (RIGHT)

LONG BEFORE THE FIRST CLASS WAS EVER TAUGHT IN OLD MAIN, THERE WAS A SMALL, TWO-STORY BRICK BUILDING ON ELLICOTT STREET THAT SERVED AS THE HOME TO THE VERY FIRST CANISIUS COLLEGE CLASSROOM (PICTURE AT LEFT).

PURCHASED IN 1870, THE BUILDING'S GROUND FLOOR HOUSED ONLY TWO SMALL, POORLY HEATED CLASSROOMS, WHICH THE COLLEGE'S STUDENT POPULATION QUICKLY OUTGREW. A NEW SITE WAS OPENED TWO YEARS LATER AT 651 WASHINGTON STREET, NEAR ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH (PICTURE AT RIGHT). BUT AFTER 39 YEARS, STUDENT ENROLLMENT ONCE AGAIN EXCEEDED CLASSROOM ACCOMMODATIONS AND THE COLLEGE SEARCHED FOR A LARGER, MORE EXPANSIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT.

THAT SEARCH ENDED AT MAIN STREET AND JEFFERSON AVENUE, WHERE TODAY STANDS OLD MAIN, THE COLLEGE'S PRIMARY CLASSROOM BUILDING AND ONE OF THE CITY'S MOST DISTINGUISHED LANDMARKS.



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