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Biographical Sketch:

In 1830, the South Carolina Synod, discerning a need for well-trained pastors in the fledgling community of “Dutch Fork”, established the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Pomaria, S.C. The Rev. John Bachman, an influential and ambitious pastor at St John’s in Charleston, S.C., is credited to be the seminary’s founder. John G. Schwartz, a pastor and understudy of Bachman, became the seminary’s first professor. The Eichelberger Home was the first location of the seminary. After only eight months of teaching, Schwartz fell ill and passed away, and the seminary was then relocated to Lexington, S.C., and Ernest L. Hazelius took charge of the students’ instruction. Hazelius, already a well-known professor, gave the young seminarians a truly classical education, teaching them Greek, Latin, German, philosophy, grammar, logic, and theology.

In 1846, a fire burned the seminary; the synod quickly decided to rebuild the seminary. In 1851, Professor Hazelius retired at the age of 74, and just a few short years later, in 1855, the synod deemed it appropriate to move the seminary, newly named “Luther College and Theological Seminary” to Newberry, S.C. Thus, Newberry College was established in 1856 so that seminarians could receive a thorough college education. One year later, S.C. seceded from the Union and the Civil War (1680-1865) began. Josiah P. Smeltzer became Newberry College’s long-time president and professor.

By 1862, records indicate that only one student remained at the college, and by 1864, no student body remained. The college temporarily closed its doors, only to reopen them in 1865 for Union occupancy. After the war ended with General Robert E. Lee's surrender in spring of 1865, the seminary reopened in the fall that same year. But due to the poor shape of the building, the synod elected to move the college and seminary to Wahalla, S.C.

There were few aspiring Lutheran ministers in the area, and after only two years, the synod determined to move the seminary from Wahalla to Ebenezer Lutheran Church, located in Columbia, S.C. Newberry College remained in Wahalla until 1877.

Over the next several decades, the seminary was relocated to Salem, Virginia, back to Newberry, eventually to Mt Pleasant, S.C., and in 1911, it was established in Columbia, S.C., where it continues to operate as the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary at Lenoir-Rhyne University.

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Photographs of Buildings:

This series begins with photographs of the historic Beam Dormitory, the first building on LTSS's Columbia campus, and includes photographs of the Casey Center, Christ Chapel, the Eichelberger House, the Kinderway Apartments, aerial views of the campus, the campus's lawn letters, LTSS's former campus grounds in Lexington, Lineberger Memorial Library, LTSS's former campus grounds in Mt Pleasant, Newberry College, the President's House, Price House, Professors' residences, Smith Village, Student Union, Voigt, Walhalla/Columbia Campus during Split Years, and Yost Administration.

LTSS Students:

1896-2000. Cf. <https://www.crumleyarchives.org/ltss-alumni-project> for our on-line list.

Faculty/Administration/ Board of Trustees:

This series includes sketches of early professors (cf. Engravings"), professors throughout the first 160 years, administration, and the Board of Trustees.

Student Life/Groups:

Candid photographs of seminarians studying, at chapel, and at play.

Auxiliary/Scholars/Pastors' Institute:

Photographs are mainly from the 1960's and 70's.

Events and Trips:

Trips include those to Germany, Israel, and Japan.

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