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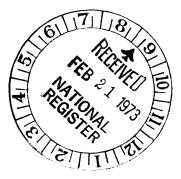
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The building was first occupied for classes in the fall term of 1855. It has been used continuously by Iowa Wesleyan College for classes since that day. At one time the building housed a natural history museum, the college chapel and the college library as well as social halls of the Literary Societies.

The P. E. O. Sisterhood, an international women's organization, was founded by seven Iowa Wesleyan College women students on January 21, 1869 in the second floor music room. That room was designated by the Iowa State Chapter of the P. E. O. Sisterhood as the Founders' Room in 1917 when a bronze plaque was placed on the wall. The room was set aside as a memorial site at that time and is under the care of Chapter Original A of the P. E. O. Sisterhood, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

During the nineteenth century, the building was known simply as "the main building" or "the main edifice." After the construction of the Iowa Wesleyan Chapel building in 1892 and Hershey Hall in 1898, the names "Main" and then "Old Main" developed by common usage. A variety of college publications shows the gradual unofficial movement from lower-case to upper-case letters.



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