

PLEASANT HILL ACADEMY

1884-1947

Pleasant Hill, Tennessee



Pleasant Hill Academy was created to provide education to rural students on the Cumberland Plateau. The school was established by the American Missionary Association of the Congregational Christian Church and was a boarding school dedicated to liberal arts, sciences, agriculture and vocational training. The school was also accredited by the University of Tennessee, and all graduates were automatically accepted to UT. The school was active until 1946, when the Cumberland County school system acquired the property for a public school.

From 1917 to 1920, one of Tennessee's pioneers in medicine, [May C. Wharton](#), joined her husband Edwin at Pleasant Hill. She received her M.D. from the University of Michigan in 1905, and when her husband was named principal in 1917, she worked as the school's physician until the Rev. Wharton died in 1920, including a difficult year during the 1919 flu epidemic. Dr. Wharton stayed in Pleasant Hill as the community's doctor and established a hospital in Pleasant Hill.

Principals

1889-1890 W.H. Thrall
1890-1892 Henry L. Ballou
1892-1898 W.E. Wheeler
1898-1899 A.T. Burnell
1899-1900 John C. Campbell
1900-1901 Elsworth Merriam
1901-1917 W.E. Wheeler
1917-1920 Edwin R. Wharton
1921-1922 William H. Trainum
1922-1923 Paul A. Wilson
1923-1930 Edward H. Elam
1930-1931 Samuel J. Elder
1931-1938 Oscar M. Fogle
1938-1944 Victor Obenhaus
1944-1946 Walter Mueller



Wheeler Hall
Girls Dormitory