ABSTRACT 8

The University Building (EKU’s Oldest Structure)

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The University Building is the oldest building on the campus of Eastern Kentucky University. For Dr. Sweely’s ARH 498, U.S. Art History course, we each chose a campus building to research and depict in our own choice of media. The University Building was erected in 1874 and is also known as “Old Central.” Because of the building’s age and history, I wanted to depict it in a very respectful artistic manner. Thus, I decided to draw the building with minimal-to-no colors added (artistic “minimalism”). I also decided to draw it standing alone – as it was when it was first constructed.

As an apprentice in art, I wanted to maintain the integrity of the building and show its extreme beauty for all. This building has been a part of our campus for over 130 years. I wanted to show it as it would have appeared when it was the focal building of the new campus in Richmond, KY. This is such a gorgeous building on campus; however, it is often overlooked by many of EKU’s students.

My artwork, The University Building, is meant to show the building for its beauty and draw attention back to the time when this fantastic campus began. I intended this artwork to encourage people to see, for themselves, how beautiful the building (now part of the greater EKU Library) is when standing in front of it, and I wanted it to be seen as it was when it was new – so very long ago in our university’s history.