

# CLAPP LIBRARY



## Year Built: 1909-10

“The work of the Library Committee has gone on during the whole year. The final announcement of the completion of the sum necessary to claim Mr. Carnegie’s promise was made in December, 1907, and a cordial note was received from Mr. Carnegie’s secretary stating that the off-setting sum of \$125,000 would be ready as it was demanded by certificates of requisition from our treasurer. After full and careful consideration Messrs. Shepley, Rutan & Coolidge, perhaps the most distinguished architects of academic buildings in this country, were engaged to prepare our plan...The plans were not ready for definite acceptance by the committee until early in August, and at this time it is impossible to fix a date for the opening of the building.” – Annual Report of the President of Wellesley College (1908)

“In chapel last week, Miss Pendleton made several interesting announcements concerning the new buildings we are to have at Wellesley. The plans for the Library are in readiness now, so that work can be begun as soon as it is possible to break ground in the spring. The Library will be built of Indiana limestone, the same material as was used for the Chapel and the Art Building; and before long the plans and elevations will be shown in College Hall center.” – The Wellesley News: January 27, 1909

“Saturday, June 5, the corner-stone of the new Wellesley Library was laid. On account of rain the exercises preliminary to the laying of the stone were held in Billings Hall.” – The Wellesley News: June 9, 1909

“...while work is proceeding on the library, which it is not expected to finish until the spring of 1910.” – Annual Report of the President of Wellesley College (1909)

“After years of patient effort the Library is finally complete, and has been used by students during the spring term....On the thirteenth of June, the seventy-eighth birthday of Mrs. Durant, the Library, was formally opened.” – Annual Report of the President of Wellesley College (1910)