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## Saint Benedict's Buildings Renovated in 2019: Historical Photos

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## St. Ben's Buildings Renovated in 2019:

- Main Building (Gertrude Hall & Teresa Hall)
- Henrita Academic Building or "HAB" –  
previously St. Ben's High School
- Clemens Library

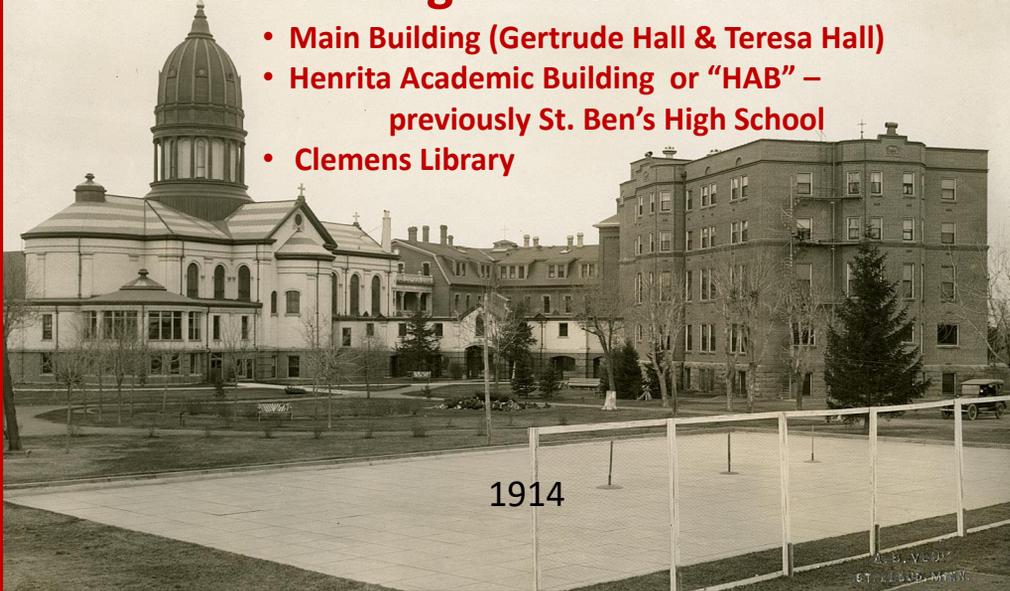


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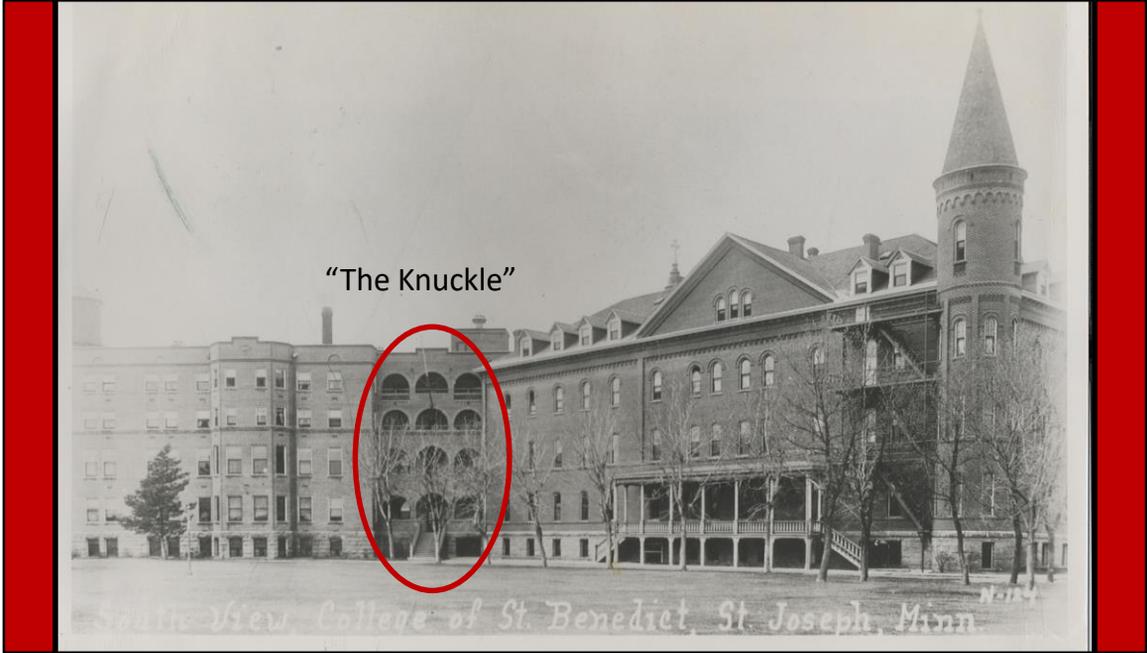


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The outdoor porches of the “Knuckle” between Teresa Hall and Gertrude Hall were prime viewing spots...



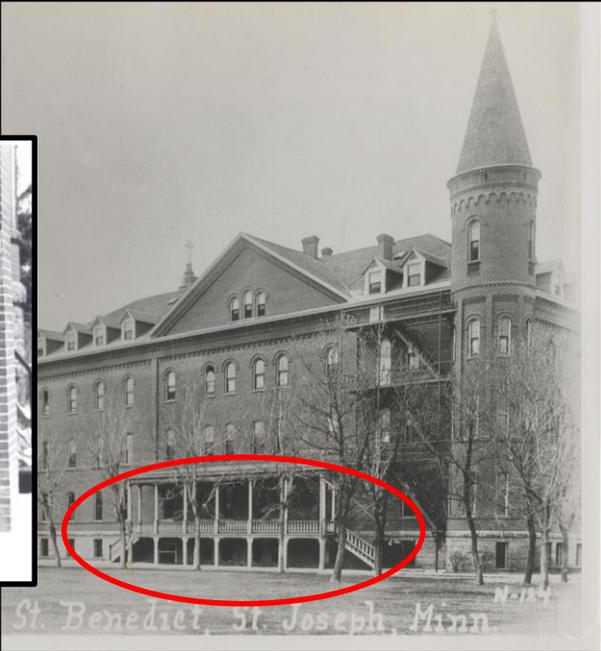
“The Knuckle” – stairs and porches between Gertrude Hall and Teresa Hall. Teresa Hall’s first (main) floor was on the same level as Gertrude Hall’s, but the other floors were each a little lower. Thus a major problem in the 1990 renovation was the installation of an elevator, built inside next to Gertrude, that had to have doors on two sides and open on 10 different levels.

...for the  
annual  
CSB  
Pageant

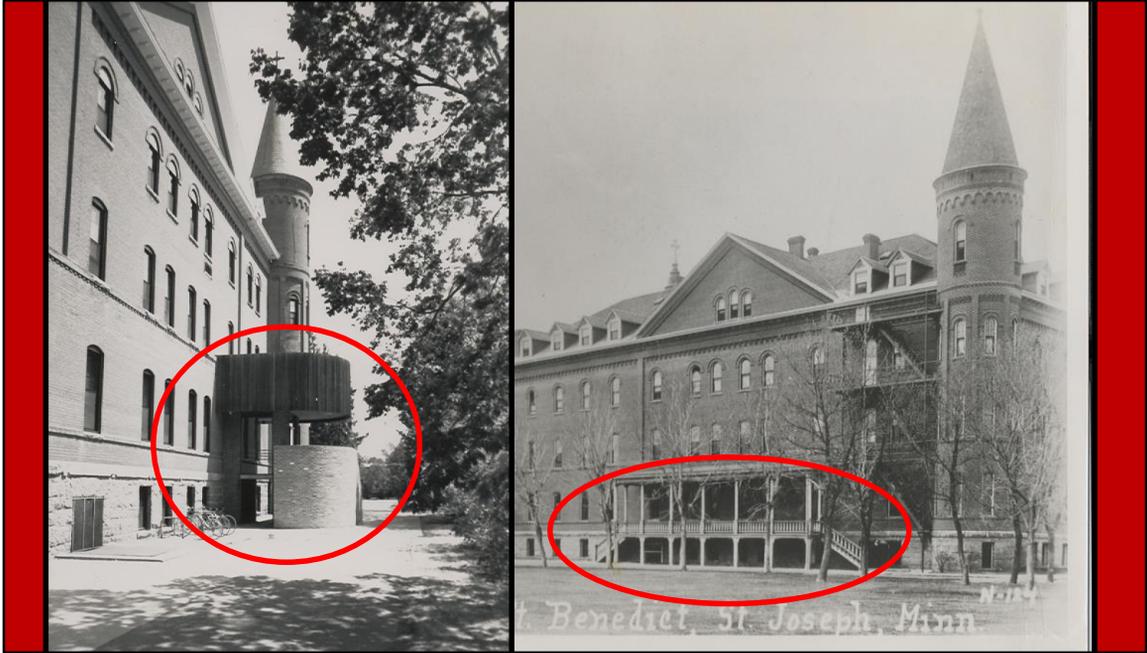


“The Knuckle” – stairs and porches between Gertrude Hall and Teresa Hall.  
Pageant photo from CSB Archives. See also [Saint Benedict's Pageant](#) [2011]. Short  
silent videos of the [Pageant](#) and [Pageant practice](#) are also available. All three are  
linked from <https://apps.csbsju.edu/sjuvignettes/>.

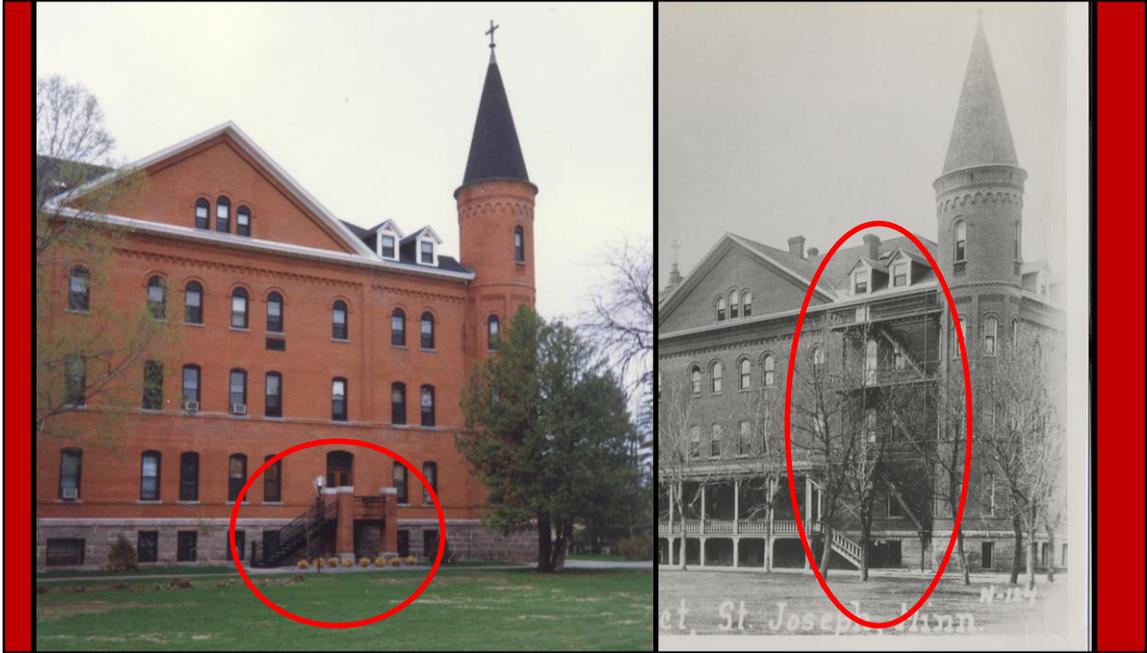
This elegant curved staircase replaced the old porch and made a good spot for group photos for the yearbooks.



Photos from St. Benedict's Monastery Archives and CSB Archives.



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Teresa Hall's fire escape staircase was removed in the 1990 renovation  
(and replaced by an interior one, at left in the color photo)

Photo on right by the Archivist, 2007

Photo on the left from St. Benedict's Monastery Archives and CSB Archives.



...but it, too, had been a favorite place to pose

Photos from St. Benedict's Monastery Archives and CSB Archives.

On the inside, starting on the ground level of Gertrude Hall:

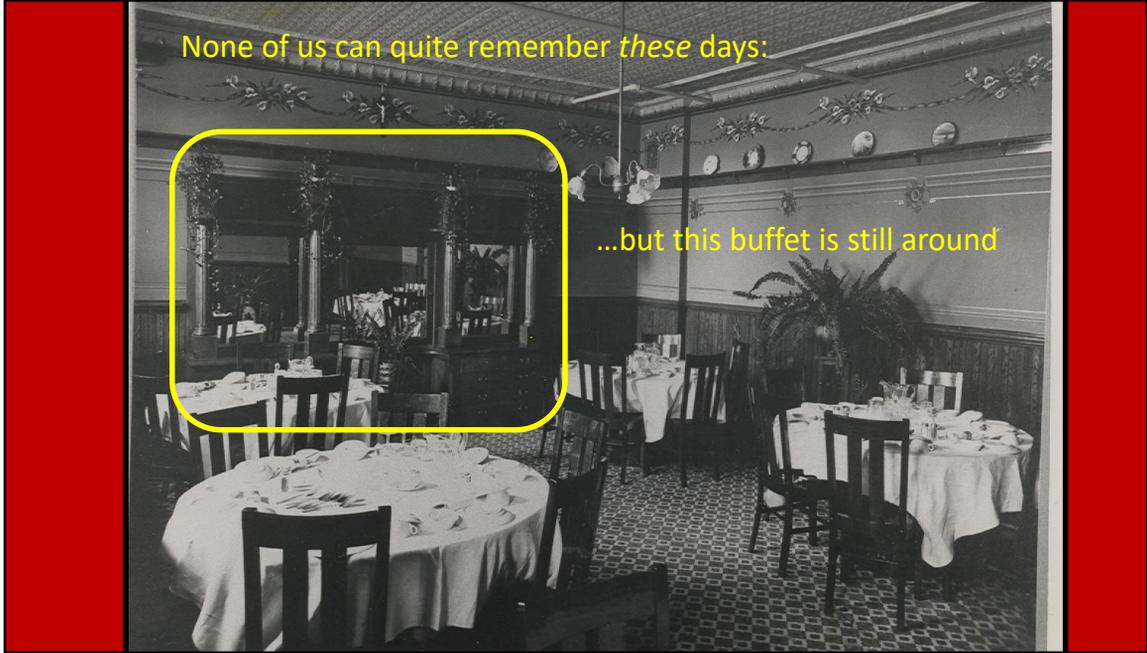


1913-1914 *Catalogue*, opposite page 9,

<http://cdm16022.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/compoundobject/collection/stbm/id/2180/rec/33>

1916-1917 *Catalog*, opposite p. 54,

<https://cdm.csbsju.edu/digital/collection/CSBArchives/id/2730/rec/6>



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1970s

Photo from CSB Archives.

The  
round  
room in  
the  
bottom  
of the  
turret  
was kind  
of cool



Photo from CSB Archives.

The round room in the bottom of the turret was kind of cool

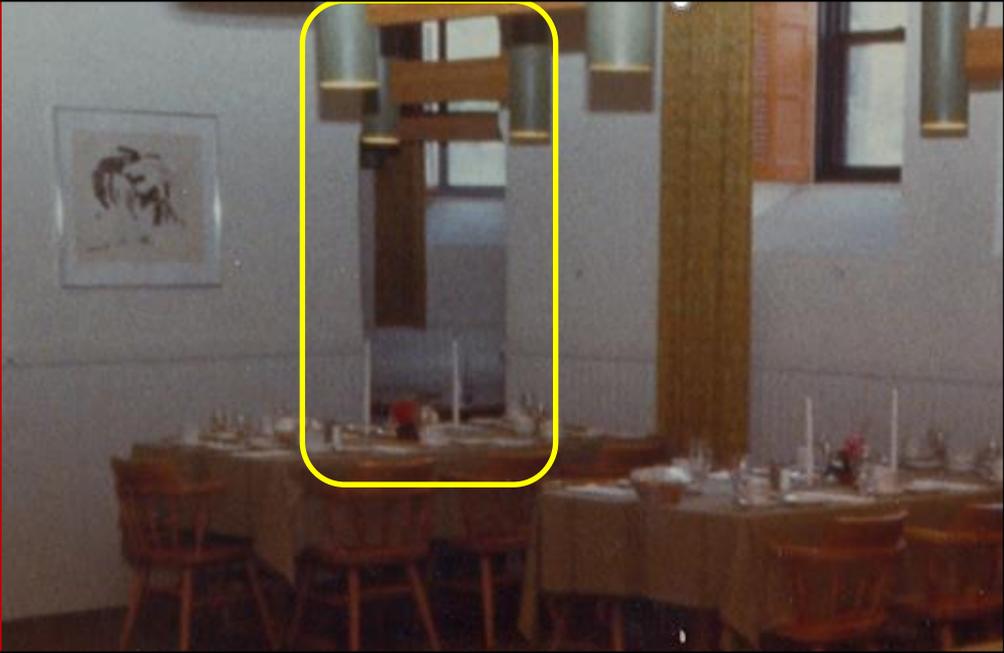


Photo from CSB Archives.

After the 2007 move to the Gorecki Dining Center:



Photo by the archivist, from CSB Archives.



Approaching  
the Cafeteria  
in Gertrude  
Hall

Photo by the archivist, from CSB Archives.



Tray  
drop-off

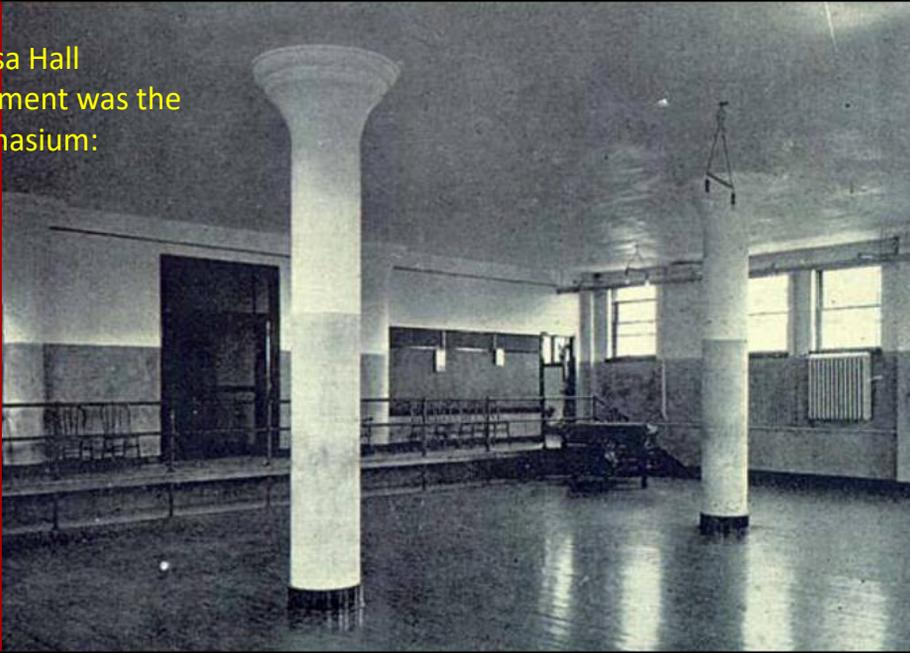
Photo by the archivist, from CSB Archives.

Goodbye,  
Gertrude Hall  
Cafeteria!



Photo by the archivist, from CSB Archives.

Teresa Hall  
basement was the  
gymnasium:



1916-1917 *Catalog*, opposite p. 52,  
<https://cdm.csbsju.edu/digital/collection/CSBArchives/id/2728/rec/6>

Teresa Hall  
basement was the  
gymnasium...



(where  
students  
played  
despite the  
less than  
optimum  
conditions,  
with pillars  
and ceiling)



Photos in the St. Benedict's Monastery Archives

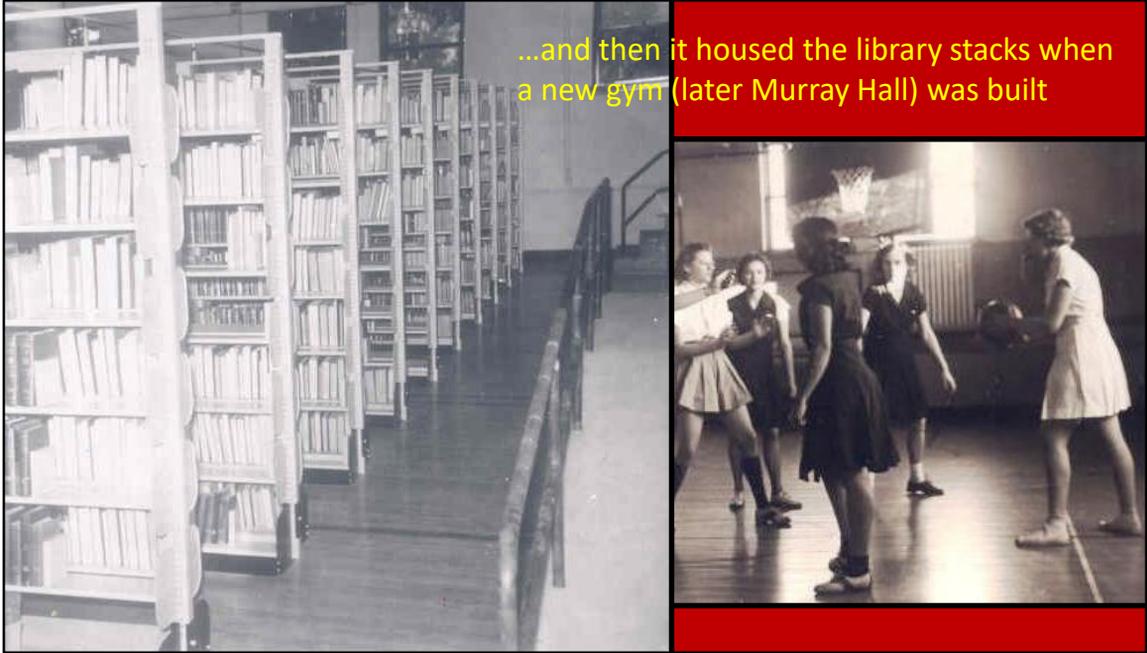


Photo in the St. Benedict's Monastery Archives

Teresa  
Hall, 1<sup>st</sup>  
floor,  
1970s:

(with a  
young  
Bonnie  
Kalla at  
the desk!)



Photo in the CSB Archives.

Teresa  
Hall, 1<sup>st</sup>  
floor,  
1950s:



Photo in the St. Benedict's Monastery Archives and the CSB Archives.

Teresa  
Hall, 1<sup>st</sup>  
floor,  
late  
1980s:



Photo by the archivist, from CSB Archives.

Teresa  
Hall, 1<sup>st</sup>  
floor,  
late  
1980s:

On the  
left:



Photo by the archivist, from CSB Archives.

Teresa  
Hall, 1<sup>st</sup>  
floor,  
1960s:



Ca. 1962? Photo in the St. Benedict's Monastery Archives and the CSB Archives.

Teresa  
Hall, 1<sup>st</sup>  
floor,  
1915

The  
Sewing  
Classroom



See also 1916-1917 *Catalog*, opposite p. 32,  
<https://cdm.csbsju.edu/digital/collection/CSBArchives/id/2715/rec/6>

Teresa  
Hall, 1<sup>st</sup>  
floor,  
late  
1980s:

The  
TRC  
Boardroom



Photo in the CSB Archives.

Teresa  
Hall, 1<sup>st</sup>  
floor,  
late  
1980s:

On the  
right:



Photo by the archivist, from CSB Archives.

Teresa  
Hall, 1<sup>st</sup>  
floor,  
1970s:



Photo in the CSB Archives.

Teresa  
Hall, 1<sup>st</sup>  
floor,  
2010s:



Photo by the archivist, from CSB Archives.



College of Saint Benedict Library, circa 1914, artist unknown

The painting of the original College of Saint Benedict Library was donated by the Linnemann family of Saint Joseph. The painting was a gift from the Prioress, Mother Cecelia Kapsner, to Marguerite Linnemann ('06-09 HS), on the occasion of her wedding to Everette Shahan. Everette had worked on the construction of the Sacred Heart Chapel. The young women in the painting are believed to be Olivia Loso Feiden ('17 HS) in the blue dress; Imelda Loso Zapf ('19) sitting center; and Esther Linnemann Muller in the green dress.

This historic painting graces the Clemens Library fireplace nook

O:\Archives\csbarchives\Photos\Buildings Photos\Clemens Library\Clemens Library (Interior)\Clemens Library, Fireside Lounge Painting  
Photo by the archivist, from CSB Archives.

Teresa  
Hall, 1<sup>st</sup>  
floor,  
2010s:



Photo by the archivist, from CSB Archives.

Teresa  
Hall, 1<sup>st</sup>  
floor,  
1915:

The Art  
Classroom



1916-1917 *Catalog*, opposite p. 36,  
<https://cdm.csbsju.edu/digital/collection/CSBArchives/id/2718/rec/6>

Teresa  
Hall, 1<sup>st</sup>  
floor,  
2010s:



Photo by the archivist, from CSB Archives.



Photo by the archivist, from CSB Archives.

Teresa  
Hall, 1<sup>st</sup>  
floor,  
late  
1980s:



Photo by the archivist, from CSB Archives.



The south fireplace



Left photo from St. Ben's Monastery Archives  
Right photo by the archivist, from CSB Archives.



Photo from CSB Archives.



"Fides" (Faith) and "Scientia" (Science)

"Fides" (Faith) and "Scientia" (Science)  
Photo by the archivist, from CSB Archives.

Teresa  
Hall, 1<sup>st</sup>  
floor,  
late  
1980s:



Photo in the CSB Archives.



1916-1917 *Catalog*, opposite p. 20,  
<https://cdm.csbsju.edu/digital/collection/CSBArchives/id/2707/rec/6>  
Inset photo by the archivist, from CSB Archives.

Teresa  
Hall, 1<sup>st</sup>  
floor,  
late  
1980s:

Looking  
out the  
TRC door  
toward  
Gertrude  
Hall



Photo by the archivist, from CSB Archives.

Gertrude  
Hall, 1<sup>st</sup>  
floor:



Photo from CSB Archives – Centennial photos, OSB and student, nd.TIF

Teresa  
Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
floor,  
2010s:



Photo by the archivist, from CSB Archives.

Teresa  
Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
floor,  
1914:



1916-1917 *Catalog*, opposite p. 12,  
<https://cdm.csbsju.edu/digital/collection/CSBArchives/id/2702/rec/6>

Teresa  
Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
floor,  
2014:



2014 photo by the archivist

Gertrude Hall classroom:



Photo in the St. Benedict's Monastery Archives and the CSB Archives.  
Main Gertrude Hall 002.jpg

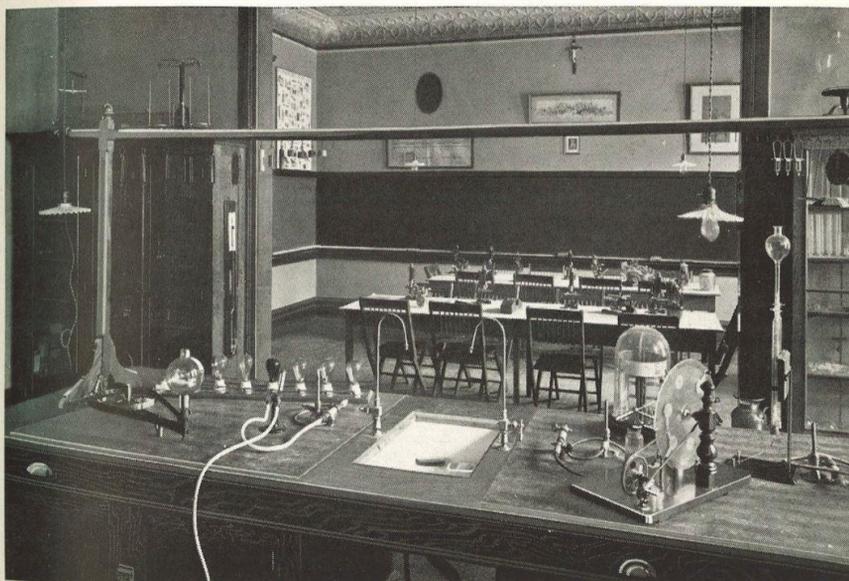
Gertrude  
Hall  
classroom,  
1915



THE DOMESTIC SCIENCE KITCHEN

1916-1917 *Catalog*, opposite p. 32,  
<https://cdm.csbsju.edu/digital/collection/CSBArchives/id/2715/rec/6>

Gertrude  
Hall  
classroom,  
1915



A SECTION OF THE LABORATORIES

1916-1917 *Catalog*, opposite p. 26,  
<https://cdm.csbsju.edu/digital/collection/CSBArchives/id/2711/rec/6>

Gertrude  
Hall  
classroom,  
1915



A SECTION OF THE LABORATORIES

1916-1917 *Catalog*, opposite p. 26,  
<https://cdm.csbsju.edu/digital/collection/CSBArchives/id/2711/rec/6>

Gertrude  
Hall  
dormitory



<http://cdm16022.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/compoundobject/collection/stbm/id/1950/rec/32>

*Thirtieth Annual Year-Book, 1912, St. Benedict's College*  
...and in the St. Ben's Monastery and CSB Archives

Teresa  
Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup>  
floor:  
The  
Rotunda,  
1915



1916-1917 *Catalog*, opposite p. 42,  
<https://cdm.csbsju.edu/digital/collection/CSBArchives/id/2722/rec/6>

Teresa  
Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup>  
floor:  
a dorm  
room in  
"The Ro"  
ca. 1915



Photo from St. Ben's Monastery Archives and CSB Archives.



ca.  
1950  
(?)

2019

Left photo from St. Ben's Monastery Archives and CSB Archives.  
Right photo by the archivist, from CSB Archives.

Teresa Hall roof



Photo from St. Ben's Monastery Archives and CSB Archives.

Teresa  
Hall  
roof

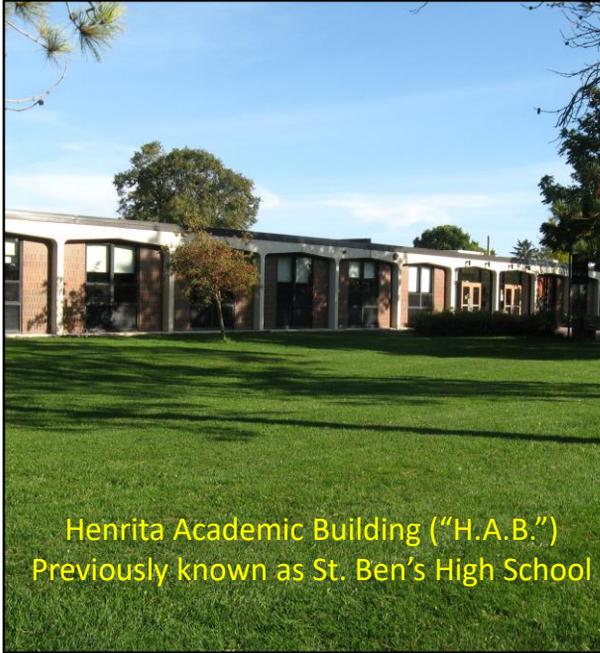


Photo from St. Ben's Monastery Archives and CSB Archives. "Characters from a play given by Sister Dominica Borgerding."

Teresa  
Hall  
roof,  
1962



Photo in the CSB Archives



Henrita Academic Building ("H.A.B.")  
Previously known as St. Ben's High School

from dream . . .



ARCHITECTS: HAMMEL and GREEN, ST. PAUL  
CONTRACTORS: STANDARD CONSTRUCTION, MINNEAPOLIS

THAT ALL THINGS GOD MADE BE GLO RIFIED

to reality . . .

**DEDICATION  
OF  
ST. BENEDICT'S HIGH SCHOOL**

ST. JOSEPH, MINNESOTA  
DECEMBER 11, 1960



to memory

**St. Benedict High School will Close**

**ST. JOSEPH** ... The St. Benedict High School in St. Joseph will not re-open after this current school year. The decision was made by the Sisters of the Order of St. Benedict last week and announced to the parents students on Friday. The action was necessary because of an insufficient number of registrations for the 1973-74 term, according to Mother Henrita, Prioress of the Sisters of St. Benedict. The enrollment in this resident-day school for girls has been experiencing a continuous decline, a trend common to other resident girls' schools in the Mid-west.

The school, founded nearly a century ago, is owned and operated by the Sisters of St. Benedict and has been subsidized by the religious community. The Advisory Board, the administrators, and the faculty have been studying the situation for the past two years in an effort to increase the number of students. Their attempts have not been successful.

"To offer a varied program for fewer than one hundred students becomes very expensive. Such programs require high tuition rates, or additional subsidy from the religious community, more than the community can afford at this time," said Mother Henrita.

The current freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will be given counseling at the high school with the registration and transfer to other schools.

"We are particularly concerned that each pupil will find a school and program suited to her needs and interests," says Principal Sister Moira Wilf. "Above all, we want each girl to have continuity in her course work. To make this possible, high school personnel will be available during these next weeks to meet with students and their parents. We will introduce them to the options available to them in other high schools."

"It is with real regret that we announce this action," said Mother Henrita. "We are grateful to all friends of our religious community, the parents, alumni, and Board members who have given financial assistance and time in order to make this secondary education possible, especially in these recent years of financial difficulty."

Photo by Marie Peters Bodette, from CSB Archives.

HAB  
(SBHS),  
2011



Photo by Marie Peters Bodette, from CSB Archives.

HAB  
(SBHS),  
2011



Photo by Marie Peters Bodette, from CSB Archives.

HAB  
(SBHS),  
1965-66

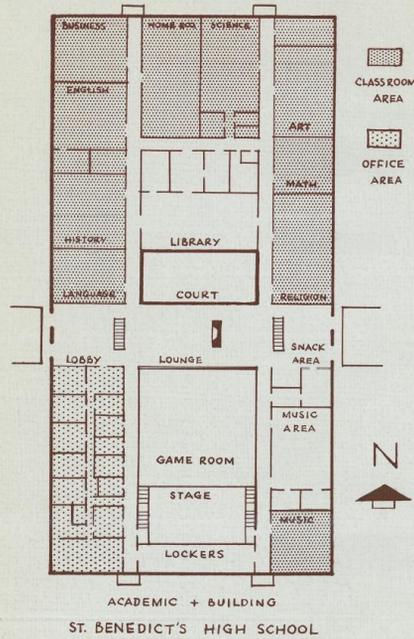
Saint  
Ben's  
High  
School  
Student  
Council



(Seated, right:  
Carol Eynck  
Marrin, who  
later ran the  
CSB/SIU  
Bookstores)

Photo from St. Ben's Monastery Archives, photos for the 2011 SBHS reunion, 048.StudentCouncilOfficers.1965-66.jpg

Floor plan for  
Saint Benedict's  
High School,  
1969



Floor plan for St. Benedict's High School, 1969 – later known as the HAB, Henrita Academic Building, of CSB  
From the 1969-1970 SBHS Student Handbook

HAB  
(SBHS)

Saint Ben's  
High  
School  
stage and  
gym, ca.  
1970



Photo in the CSB Archives

HAB  
(SBHS),  
2011



Photo by Marie Peters Bodette, from CSB Archives.

HAB  
(SBHS),  
1972

(members  
of the class  
of 1973,  
mostly)



Photo in the CSB Archives

From  
the HAB  
(SBHS),  
1972,  
looking  
west



Photo in the CSB Archives

Teresa  
Hall, 1<sup>st</sup>  
floor,  
1985:  
Library  
staff in  
front of  
the (NW)  
Teresa  
Hall  
fireplace



1985 Photo in the CSB Archives.

One year  
later:

Clemens  
Library,  
1986:

Library  
staff in  
front of  
the  
Clemens  
Library  
fireplace



1986 Photo in the CSB Archives.

Clemens  
Library,  
1980s:



<https://cdm.csbsju.edu/digital/collection/CSBArchives/id/5903>

Clemens  
Library,  
1980s:



<https://cdm.csbsju.edu/digital/collection/CSBArchives/id/5902>

Clemens  
Library,  
1980s:



Photo in the CSB Archives

Clemens  
Library,  
1980s:



See also previous “history lessons”:

- *CSB Buildings, Parts 1 & 2*
- *St. Ben's Teresa Hall at 100*

- available on the CSB Archives website

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