While Virginia Union University’s first classes were held in the building formerly known as Lumpkin’s Jail in 1865, the campus that we know today began to take shape in 1899. With development costs estimated at $500,000, the American Baptist Home Mission Society commissioned New York architect John Hopper Coxhead to design nine buildings.

Erected in locally hewn gray granite and fashioned in a uniform and picturesque architectural style known as Romanesque, five of the nine buildings remain in use today. Those buildings include Coburn Hall, Pickford Hall, Baptist Memorial Hall, Martin E. Gray Hall, and Kingsley Hall.

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