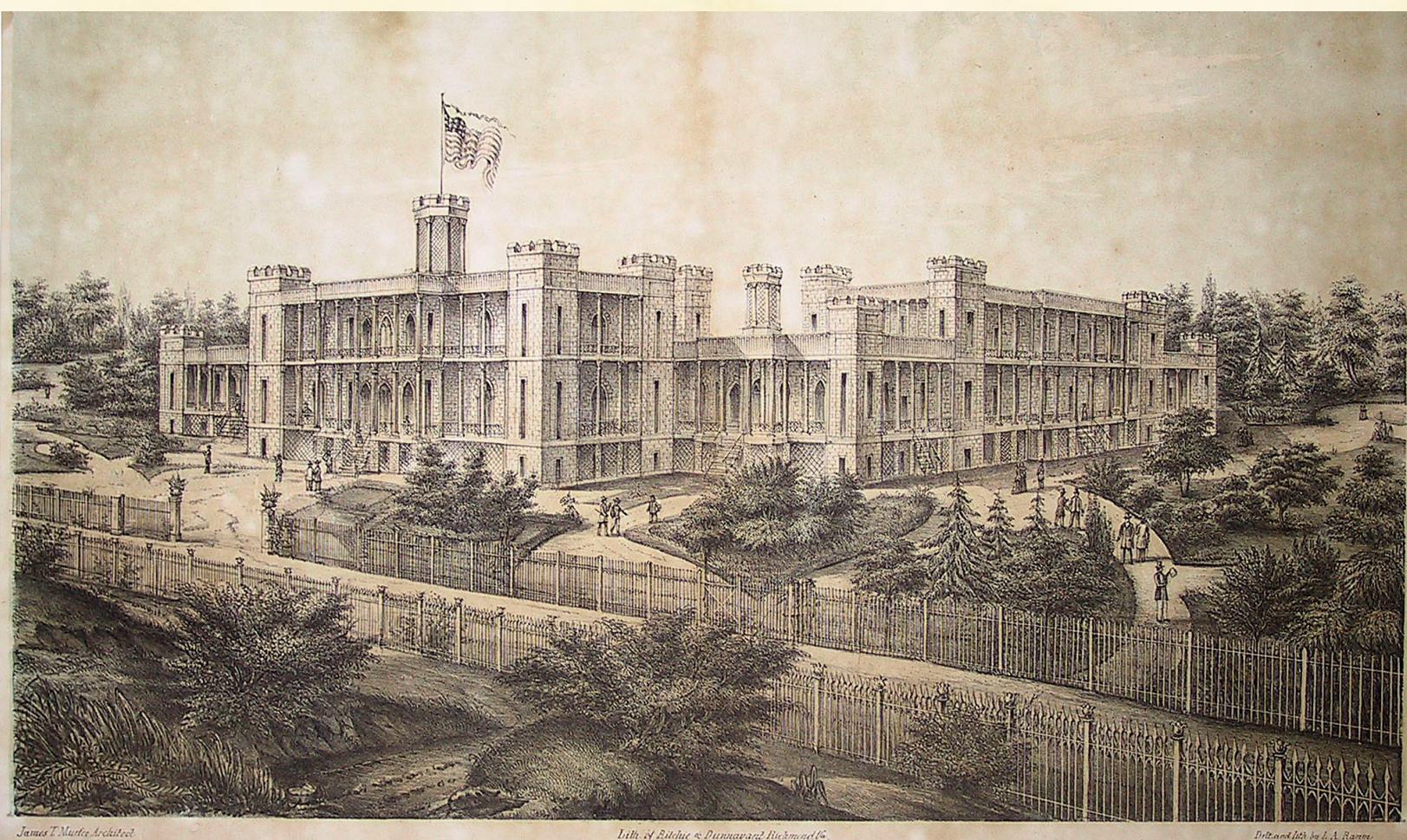


Lynchburg College or College Hospital

Lynchburg College was converted to College Hospital in 1861, and was the first military hospital to open. It served as a Confederate hospital for a longer period of time as any converted structure in the city. The College Hospital admitted more than 20,000 Confederate casualties and witnessed at least 288 deaths. The number of soldiers suffering from mania and insanity reached its own epidemic proportions in 1865. At that time, Chief Surgeon W. O. Owen in Lynchburg asked that College Hospital be converted to a mental institution. However, the war ended before it was able to be completed.



LYNCHBURG COLLEGE

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Lynchburg College operated from 1855-1869. It served as a hospital during the Civil War. The 19th-century Lynchburg College not related to the Lynchburg College founded in 1903 which was renamed the University of Lynchburg in 2018.

I have been at the College Hospital at Lynchburg 7 to 8 days and I am very well satisfied with the fare & attention we have given us here, I have walked over the Town and I think Lynchburg is a little larger than the City of Montgomery. We have very kind physicians here as much so as any that I ever knew which adds much to a fellow's feelings whether it improves his health or not. – G. W. Ross, 6th Alabama Infantry, CSA. , Dec. 20th 1861. Ross Family Letters, RG 149, AUBURN UNIVERSITY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS & ARCHIVES DEPARTMENT