

# Hubbard Museum

## & CULTURAL CENTER

In 1900 William Merida Hubbard opened a school with seven students in the Kynette Methodist Church in the city of Forsyth. Like many schools in the Jim Crow South, churches presented the only option for educating black children. In 1902, Hubbard and five white men from Forsyth successfully petitioned the Superior Court of Monroe County to incorporate the Forsyth Normal and Industrial School with one small building on ten acres of land.



Hubbard's mission was to prepare teachers to educate African American youth. By 1916 Hubbard had developed a curriculum that extended classes to the 10th and 11th grades, and the Forsyth Normal and Industrial School became one of a handful of senior high schools that existed in Georgia for African Americans.



In 1931 the school's name changed to the State Teachers & Agricultural College under the University System of Georgia. In 1938 it was merged with Fort Valley State College.

In the beginning . . . 1902  
Kynette Church



The Hubbard Alumni Association (HAA), formed in 1985, had a vision for the campus, and began the work to create a cultural center and interactive museum. In 2015, in partnership with the Monroe County Commissioners the HAA restored the historic Dormitory for Women and a teacher's cottage - both on the National Register for Historic Places.



After the partial demolition of the Hubbard Middle School in 2018, Monroe County Board of Education, and the HAA established the Hubbard Museum & Cultural Center in the remaining buildings. Hubbard campus is now named the William Hubbard Complex and houses the Boys & Girls Club and the Telling Our Story: Black History Museum.

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