WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY

SERENE SETTING

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Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem was founded in the Town of Wake Forest, north of Raleigh in Wake County, by the Baptist



State Convention of North Carolina (founded by Samuel Wait) in 1834. It was called Wake Forest Manual Labor Institute until 1838 when it was renamed as Wake Forest College. Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation (of R. J. Reynolds

Tobacco Company) made an offer to the College to move to Winston-Salem from Wake Forest, and the move was completed in 1956. The campus is on land that was part of the R.J. Reynolds estate and donated to the University by the Reynolds family. The College changed its name to Wake Forest University in 1967. The former college site in Wake Forest is now known as Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The Reynolds family was not the first philanthropy-minded family in North Carolina to relocate a college. The Duke family of American Tobacco Company in Durham moved a Methodist school called Trinity College from Trinity NC to Durham in 1892. Trinity College changed its name to Duke University in 1924.

CAMPUS

We spent a couple of hours on a weekday afternoon visiting the campus. The day we visited was a very nice fall day, and the leaves had changed color. Coupled with the Georgian style buildings around the Quad, the campus looked very picturesque. We spent some time walking the Quad and went to the bookstore to get Wake apparel. An interesting fact is that there is a bookstore for books only and another one for apparel and other WFU-labeled items in different buildings. We liked all the outdoor sitting areas around the Quad. The first floor of the dorms surrounding the Quad contain retail shops, a feature we have not seen on college campuses.



Wait Chapel



Inside the Chapel



Water Tank with Wake Forest Logo



Reynolds Hall – Administrative Offices



One of the Bookstores



An entrance to the Quad



Manchester Plaza and Reynolds
Hall in the background



Z. Smith Reynolds Library

A Wake Forest tradition is to "roll the Quad," or draping trees in the quad with toilet paper after a Wake football or basketball team victory. Until recently, Wake Forest was not very successful in football. Recently, Wake has fielded competitive teams, and the quad gets a lot of toilet papers on the trees. We saw remnants of that tradition when we visited.



Toilet paper in the trees from "rolling the Quad"





Johnson Dorm on South Campus

FINAL THOUGHTS

We thoroughly enjoyed our brief visit to the campus and look forward to visiting the campus in the future.