



Resident room, c. 1915 (Special Collections and Univ. Archives)



Parlor, c. 1970 (Special Collections and Univ. Archives)



Dining Hall, c. 1915 (Special Collections and Univ. Archives)

Willard Hall

The Spaces

The large community space on the first floor is designed to capture the essence of the original 1911 dining hall while simultaneously providing modern, functional spaces for 21st century living and learning. Equipped with a 16-seat seminar room, two group study spaces, a large kitchen ideal for cooking demonstrations, a modern media room, and two moveable glass walls, Willard Hall's community space provides a flexible floor plan for intellectual and social engagement among students, faculty, and staff.

Willard's heritage is captured in the wide, bright hallways, the classic moulding and trim, and original hardwood floors in majority of the bedrooms on the upper floors. Modern hall bathrooms replaced tiny suite bathrooms from the late 1970s renovation. Each upper floor includes a small lounge and four nooks; two nooks are located on each end of the building with the common space overlooking Palmieri Plaza and the Fountain. These new spaces feature the tools and furniture necessary for both studying and hanging out with friends.

Quick Facts

- Named for Frances Willard, a well-known temperance leader
- Built in 1911 and is the oldest residence hall on campus
- Originally held residence hall rooms, laundry facility, dining hall, and heating plant
- Renovated in the late 1970s and drastically altered original floor plan
- Closed in 2017 due to steam pipe rupture on 1st floor
- Reopening from restoration with 160 beds for first-year students and 5 Resident Assistants

Restoration Details

- Preserved original maple wood floors and wood framing where possible
- For the most part, all corridor walls are original framing and opened to original widths
- Window trim profiles replicate original appearance with new energy efficient windows
- Opened up 1st fl. center to mirror original concept from 1910-1930
- Found and opened original skylight shafts
- Updated electrical and plumbing, and added an elevator

Important Dates

December 5 - Open House

Virginia/Willard residents have exclusive opportunity to see the building, learn about the move in January, and see their new rooms.

December 13 - Loft/Bunk Requests

Students who wish to have their beds lofted or bunked prior to moving should make their request to Mary Taylor (mtaylo23@umw.edu) by this date.

January 8 - Virginia 3rd floor Move

Students living on the 3rd floor of Virginia Hall will move via Moving Crew.

January 9 - Virginia 2nd floor Move

Students living on the 2nd floor of Virginia Hall will move via Moving Crew.

January 10 - Virginia 1st floor Move

Students living on the 1st floor of Virginia Hall will move via Moving Crew.

Your Move

The Details

As previously communicated, we will be utilizing Apple Transfer, a moving company UMW has on contract and has had wonderful experiences with in these types of situations. Apple Transfer will move personal belongings from Virginia to Willard on the dates outlined on the front of this handout. Willard is furnished with all new furniture; none of your furniture from Virginia will move. In order to prepare for the move, please take note of the following:

- Take home valuables, breakables, and sentimental belongings during Winter Break. You will be able to move them directly into Willard Hall upon your return. **Keys to Willard may be picked up at the Eagle Landing desk in Jan.**
- Pack all small belongings in duffels, boxes, or bins. NOTE: any type of boxes and/or bags are acceptable; the most important thing is that loose items are contained in some way for easy transport. *Please empty all Sterlite plastic drawer systems as they break apart easily when full.*
- Label all duffels, boxes, and large items with your full name and Willard room #. You can find your Willard room # in your assignment letter email.
- Apple Transfer cannot move animals or fish. Please make plans to move those on your own. They should be going home with you over Winter Break, so you may move them directly to Willard upon your return.
- Let Apple Transfer do the moving for you. If you don't want Apple to move it, take it home with you.
- When you arrive in January, you will begin spending nights in Willard Hall. You will still have access to Virginia Hall if there are any essentials you need to grab prior to Apple Transfer moving your belongings.

The Day of the Move

Apple Transfer with Residence Life professional staff members will arrive to Virginia Hall to begin moving students at 8am each day, January 8-10.

Students will not have a specific scheduled move time, but instead will be expected to be awake and ready to move before 10am. As you become ready, you will open your door signaling that the movers may come in and start loading your belongings into the large moving bins they will bring. They will load your belongings into as few bins as possible, then bring the bin(s) to the doors facing the Fountain and Willard. The crew will wheel the bins across the Plaza, into Willard, and on to your new room. In the meantime, you will complete a final check of your room in Virginia, go to Willard, and turn in your Virginia key. After, you will proceed to your new room to begin unpacking. The rest of the week is yours to set up, unpack, and explore your new home.

Two items to keep in mind:

- Once you open your door in Virginia, it may take a little while until the movers are able to come assist you. **Please be patient and allow them the time to get to you, even if it takes an hour.** These folks are professionals and will make your move easier; parents and families will not need to move any belongings.
- The fewer people in the room the better. Once the movers arrive to your room, you and your roommate should remain in the room, and anyone else should please exit during the move.

Meal Plan Information

Residence Life and Housing will cover the cost of meals from your assigned moving day through Saturday, January 11 if you opt into a daily meal plan for this period. Dining liaison, CJ Porter, will be sending an email with details on how to sign up for meals during this time period.

You may return home and are not obligated to remain at UMW after your move is completed. If you will not be on campus, please do not sign up for the meal plan option outlined above.

Unavailable?

If you are unavailable due to sports or travel on your assigned moving day, it is important for you to contact Residence Life and Housing ASAP to make alternative arrangements. For example, designate your roommate or a friend who can be on campus, to be present for your items.

Call: (540) 654-1058

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