

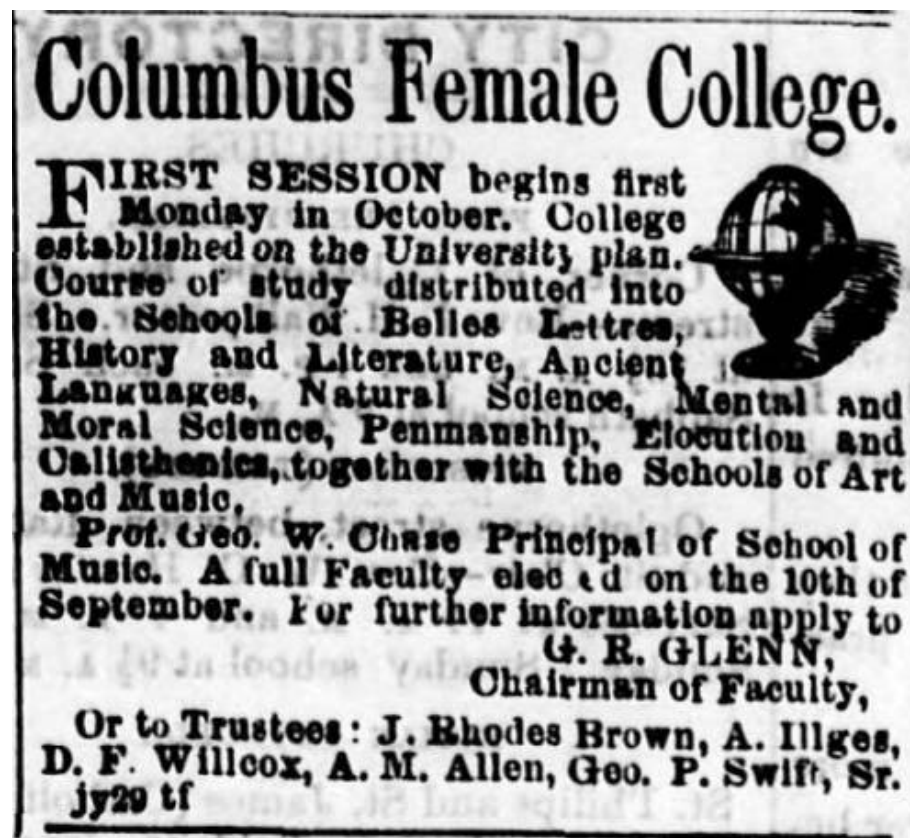
Today in Columbus History: On August 25, 1875, in the *Columbus Daily Enquirer*, there was an ad for Columbus Female College, which was opening its doors for the first time that fall. Situated on the SE corner of 3rd Ave. and 15th St., the college was founded by Gustavus R. Glenn, who served as its first president. Subjects taught included Mental and Moral Science, Natural Science, Mathematics, Latin, History and English Language and Literature. By 1880, the college could accommodate 30 boarding students. It also had a large dining room, was thoroughly ventilated, had gas running throughout, and provided hot and cool baths. It even had a telephone! Unfortunately, in 1884 the college was destroyed by fire and was not rebuilt. After operating for 9 years, the college was no more.

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Our snippets of Columbus history are usually based on a few days-worth of searching through the most popular sources for Muscogee County history. Meant to inspire readers to explore more about Columbus history, they are not exhaustive dissertations on the topic and may contain mistakes. If you have corrections or additional information, feel free to share them with the group.

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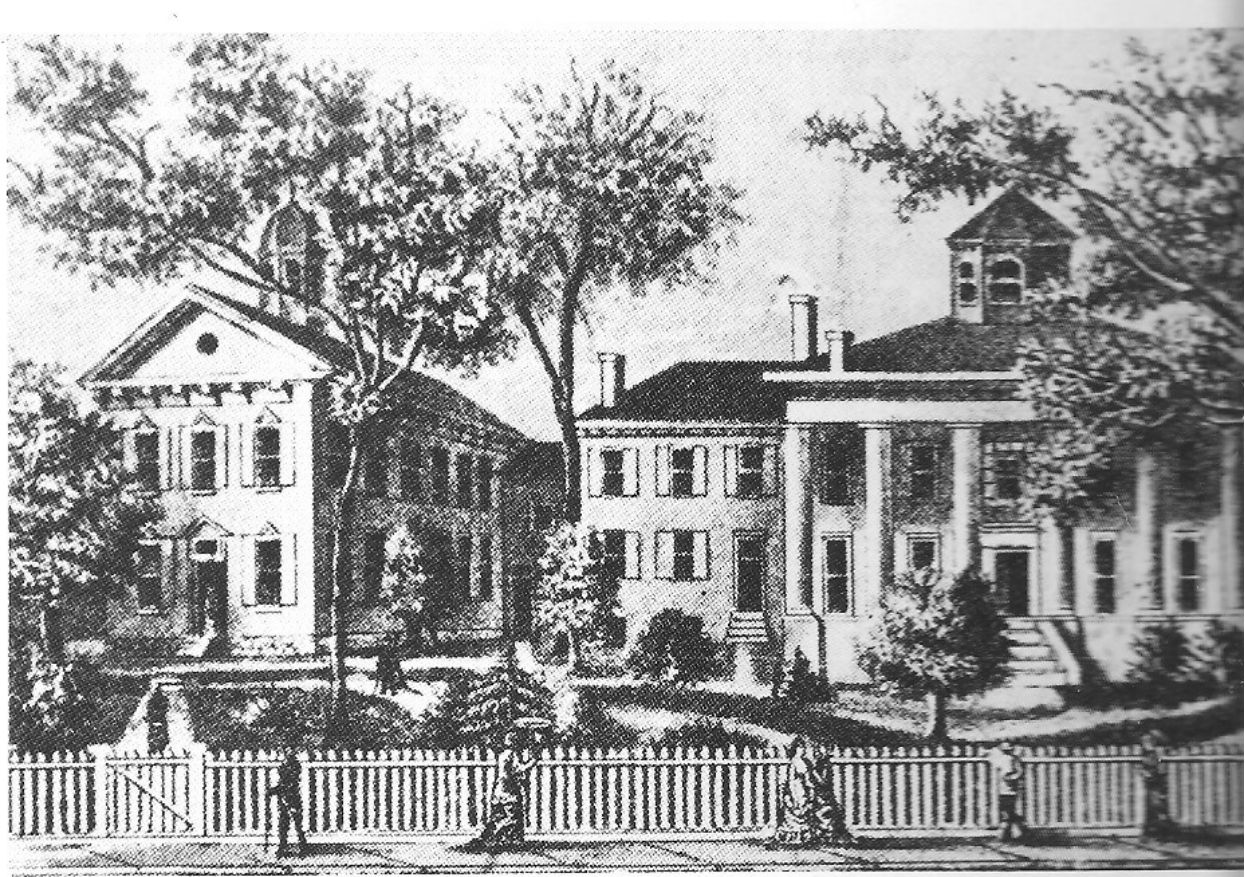
FIRST SESSION begins first Monday in October. College established on the University plan. Course of study distributed into the Schools of Belles Lettres, History and Literature, Ancient Languages, Natural Science, Mental and Moral Science, Penmanship, Elocution and Callisthenics, together with the Schools of Art and Music.

Prof. Geo. W. Chase Principal of School of Music. A full Faculty elected on the 10th of September. For further information apply to

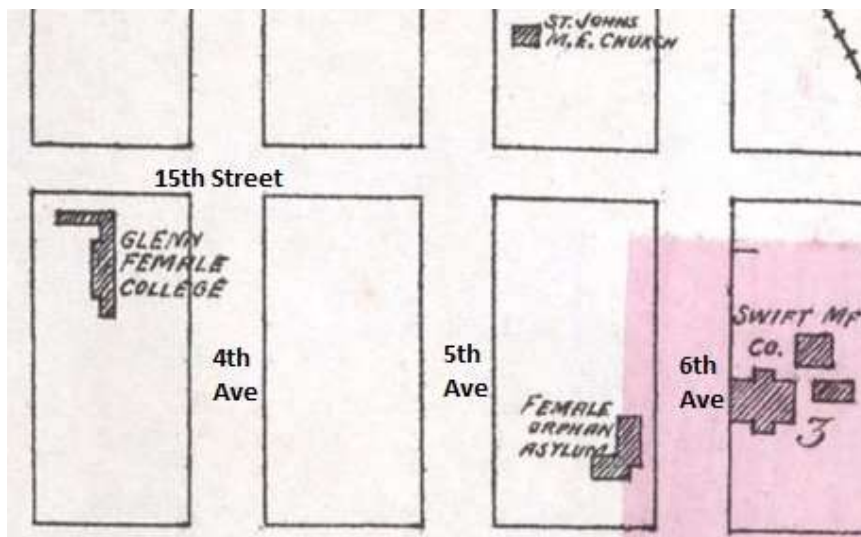
G. R. GLENN,
Chairman of Faculty,

Or to Trustees: J. Rhodes Brown, A. Illges, D. F. Willcox, A. M. Allen, Geo. P. Swift, Sr.

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1885 Sanborn map showing location of Columbus Female College. It was also known as Glenn's College. It should not have been on the map as it had burned down in 1884. Map from GALILEO collection of Sanborn maps.



*Yours Sincerely
Gustavus Richard Glenn*

Born in Jackson Co., GA in 1848, Gustavus Glenn graduated from the University of Georgia in 1871 and came to Columbus in 1875. After the Female College burned in 1884, Glenn went to Wesleyan College in Macon, where he taught Physics till 1893. He then became Georgia's state commissioner of education. In 1904 he became president of North Georgia Agricultural College (now North Georgia college and State University). He served until 1922 – the longest tenure of any other NGAC president. Glenn died in Atlanta in 1939 and is buried in the Decatur Cemetery. Photo from Findagrave.com