

Washburn University, Topeka, Kansas

This black and white photograph shows the main entrance to Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas. The school is located on 160 acres of land, donated by Kansas abolitionist John Ritchie, in the central portion of the capital city. Established in February of 1865 by the Congregational Church, the school was named Lincoln College in honor of President Abraham Lincoln. In 1868, the board of trustees changed the institution's name to Washburn College to honor Ichabod Washburn, a wealthy industrialist from Worcester, Massachusetts, who gave a \$25,000 donation to the college's endowment program. The school was later rename, in 1952, Washburn University of Topeka.

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