

# PRESIDENT'S HOUSE ON CARR'S HILL

## HISTORY



*This post card view is probably the oldest exterior photograph of the President's House.*

### GENERAL HISTORY

**T**he President's House at Carr's Hill was consciously designed to be an important focal point of the University of Virginia's grounds. Located on a hill overlooking the university's original buildings, its construction came as a result of the decision to create the office of president, a move the university had resisted for its first eight decades of existence. The project to build the house, which began shortly after the first president was inaugurated, drew a nationally known architect back to a university where he had been working for a decade. President and Mrs. Alderman began with a very specific type and model of house in mind, including style, room sizes, layout, and finishes. They started the project off as a design competition, but then abruptly switched strategies and invited noted architect Stanford White to design the house. White,