

Boothe C. Davis



The fourth president of Alfred University, Boothe Colwell Davis was born in 1863, in West Virginia. He entered Alfred University in 1885 and graduated in 1890. He then went on to Yale Divinity School for his master's degree. In 1893 he became pastor of the Alfred Church. He was elected unanimously to replace President Main in 1895. Under his direction Alfred University separated from the Alfred Academy, grew to 20 buildings and earned accreditation. President Davis and his wife, Estelle Hoffman Davis had three children, Elizabeth, Stanton and Colwell Jr. Although President Davis' original intention was to serve as president for five years, he remained president until 1933, when he retired. Five years later on July 29, 1937 the Davis Memorial Carillon was dedicated to President and Mrs. Davis. Boothe Colwell Davis died in January of 1942 at his Florida home