

EMORY UNIVERSITY'S 175TH ANNIVERSARY

In 1836 a group of Georgia Methodists obtained a charter for a new school to be located in Newton County and set about building a community that would be incorporated as the City of Oxford in 1839. That school is 175 years old this year and is known worldwide as Emory University.

From its humble beginning with a handful of students Emory has grown into a powerhouse institution with an annual operating budget of \$3.5 billion and drawing students from throughout the United States and many foreign countries. Many of those students spend their freshman and sophomore years at the Oxford campus.

Recently Emory named 175 individuals as distinguished contributors to the success of the university. Many of those named have lived in Oxford. Included in that group is Claude Sitton, a current resident of Oxford, whose long newspaper career included receiving a Pulitzer Prize for his work.

Oxford is proud of its association with Emory University and Oxford College and congratulates Claude Sitton on being named one of Emory's finest.

Jerry Roseberry, Mayor, City of Oxford

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