



The Bristol Normal Institute, founded in 1900, was the leading educational institution in extreme Eastern Tennessee and Southwest Virginia for colored youth. It was under the care of the United Presbyterian Church and was sustained chiefly by the contributions from the various congregations. The building and grounds were located on McDowell Street, and the campus was sufficiently elevated to give a commanding view of the city. The grounds and \$1,000 were the magnificent gift of the philanthropist, Maj. A. D. Reynolds, and other public spirited citizens contributed about \$300. The commodious building was erected at a cost of \$8,000.

The object of this school was to bring a Christian education within the reach of the colored youth of Bristol and vicinity. The following courses were offered: Common school, sewing, musical, and normal. With a force of five teachers carefully selected, thoroughly competent and enthusiastic in their work, the best training was assured to the students. This school was under the immediate management of Rev. F. W. Woodfin, principal. (above information excerpted from the October 2, 1904 "Bristol Courier")