

Quotes and sources which prove **Mount Allison Memorial Library 1914-1918** was built as a **War Memorial** and was built primarily with funds subscribed and paid in memory of those Allisonians killed during the Great War (WW I):

Quote	Source
<p>1. "In what better way could the memory of these splendid men be perpetuated than by the erection of a suitable LIBRARY BUILDING, a prominent feature of which would be the emblazoning upon its walls the names of the departed. Have we not among our students of other years men who have been saved the horrors and exposure to the trenches and the long battle lines of Europe blazing death, who out of abundance, or even out of poverty, would feel grateful for an opportunity to contribute to such a cause?"</p>	<p>Mount Allison Record Vol III No 1 Oct 1918</p>
<p>2. "Moved by Dr. Wigle, seconded by Rev. A S Rogers, that this Board most heartily endorses the proposition of erecting a Library Building as a War Memorial in honor of Mount Allison students who have made the supreme sacrifice in behalf of our country, and that a committee be appointed to inaugurate a campaign to raise necessary finds. Carried."</p>	<p>Minutes of the Regents of Mount Allison November 26, 1918</p> <p>Mount Allison Record Vol IX No 7 November 1926</p>
<p>3. "Readers of the Record are by this time familiar with the campaign which has been organized to provide a Memorial Library at Mount Allison in memory of the men and women who have died in the service of their country during the Great War. Not only is it to commemorate these men, whose names will be placed on tablets in a suitable location in the library, but it will constitute as well a Memorial of the service of all Mount Allison men and women who, in any branch of the service, have done their bit. As complete a record of each one as can be obtained will be kept for future generations, that they may know that in the service of the nation, Mount Allison has done her share."</p> <p>"This Memorial Library will be most unique both in its significance and in its utilitarianism. It will be nothing short of a capitalization of the sacrificial bravery of the students of the Past for the practical use and inspiration of the generations of the Future."</p>	<p>Mount Allison Record Vol III No 5 February, 1919</p>
<p>4. "During the past few weeks a number of meetings have been held in the towns throughout the Maritime Provinces in the interests of the Mount Allison Memorial Library"</p> <p>"In a great many instances representatives have been sent from the College to the various towns and cities to put the matter more clearly before the people. When the arrangement of their itinerary has made it possible for them to be in a place on Sunday these men have been enabled through the courtesy and friendly interest of the different ministers in charge to present their plea from the pulpit."</p> <p>"Since the time at the disposal of those in charge of the campaign is so limited, some more distant sections of the country will not be canvassed until after the</p>	<p>Mount Allison Record Vol III No 6 March 1919</p>

<p>main drive on April the fifteenth. All of Newfoundland for example is being left until later when it is felt a campaign can be carried on there more efficiently.”</p> <p>“...it was proposed to double the original objective of \$75,000.00.”</p> <p>“The objective set for Moncton alone was \$10, 000.00 Here’s to Moncton!”</p>	
<p>5. “The Mount Allison War Memorial”</p> <p>“ ...a memorial which would inspire future generations of Mount Allison men and women to emulate the noble spirit of the time in which these men and women gave their lives.”</p> <p>“We believe that this Library, erected in honour of the men and women who gave their lives in the war, and to constitute a War Memorial of the services of over five hundred Mount Allison men and women, will make a powerful appeal to all old students and friends of the Institutions.”</p>	<p>Mount Allison Record Vol III No 4 January 1919</p>
<p>6. “While bronze tablets, engraved with the names of the men who died, have been placed in the University chapel and in the Academy, no fitting memorial has been erected on the campus in which the record of their names and heroic deeds may be preserved, In 1919 it was decided to erect a Memorial Library for the three institutions and a subscription card bearing the following words was circulated:- “For the purpose of enabling the Regents of Mount Allison to erect and maintain a Library Building as a Memorial to the part taken by Mt Allison men and women in the War, and to preserve a record of the war service of the men and women of Eastern Canada, Newfoundland and Bermuda, I promise to pay to the Treasurer.....Dollars , payable one half on or before September 1st, 1919 and the balance in April 1st, 1920.””</p>	<p>Mount Allison Record Vol IX No 5 March 1926</p>
<p>7. “Mount Allison Memorial Library”</p> <p>“No greater service could be done for Mount Allison than to provide such a memorial building.”</p> <p>“Those who have been saved the horrors of the battle front should have their hearts moved with gratitude toward the men who have suffered and died in their stead. The Mount Allison boys who are out there “in Flanders fields” to stay deserve all the honors a grateful country can bestow on them.”</p> <p>“If your friend has suffered, if your boy has died, how could you better honor their memory than to have his name placed where it will go down through the years cherished and revered by successive generations of grateful students?”</p>	<p>An Original Subscription Appeal Undated Mount Allison Archives</p>
<p>8. “You will remember that the Library was planned in 1919 and a canvas was made for funds. This canvas was later merged in the more comprehensive scheme of 1921. After that the question of the federation of colleges delayed the carrying out of the plan, and the retirement of Dr Borden made progress still more difficult.”</p> <p>“Of the six hundred Mount Allison men who were in uniform during the war seventy two gave their lives. The time is fully come when a suitable and lasting</p>	<p>Mount Allison Record Vol 9 No 6 July 1926</p>

<p>memorial should stand on the campus at Mount Allison to tell to the generations following of their heroism and sacrifice.”</p>	
<p>9. “About \$30,000 was subscribed at the time, and then the fund was merged in the general drive for Half a Million Dollars. Of this amount \$150, 000.00 was to be used for the Library - \$100,000 for the building and equipment and \$50, 000 for endowment. The objective was not fully reached, and of the amount subscribed not more than \$75,000 may properly be used for the Library. The Library Committee has decided to make a serious attempt to collect unpaid subscriptions and to raise as soon as possible another \$75, 000 to finish and provide for endowment. While no general canvass will be made at the present time, subscriptions are expected. Since the last Record was issued Three Thousand Dollars have been paid on old subscriptions and several new subscriptions have been made.”</p>	<p>Mount Allison Record Vol IX No 7 November 1926</p>
<p>10. “The most significant addition to the group of buildings that represent Mount Allison, formally became a part of that Institution on June 8, 1927, when it was taken over by the Regents, and dedicated as the Mount Allison Memorial Library.”</p> <p>“The names of the Mount Allison Students who gave their lives in the Great War, and to whom the building was dedicated were read.....”</p>	<p>Mount Allison Record Vol II No 1 October 1927</p>
<p>11. “Mr A R Cobb of Halifax was chosen as architect and the contract to put up the memorial building was given to H O Clark of Saint John. The cost has been something over \$100,000, of which amount \$80,000 has been subscribed and paid in.”</p>	<p>Sackville Tribune 9 June 1927</p>