

# STRICKLAND BUILDING HISTORY

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Built in 1946, the Strickland Redrying Plant functioned as the site for redrying and rehandling tobacco. Situated between Fowler to the south – where smoking tobacco was processed and packaged – and the Lucky Strike building to the north – where cigarettes were made – Strickland was designed to be connected to both by raised viaducts.

In contrast to the older Reed warehouse's arched wooden roof and massive wooden support posts, Strickland was built around a steel and concrete frame affording more unobstructed floor space, and larger steel-framed windows. It is unclear, based on the available records, if Strickland served any other purpose prior to the closure of the plant.

Today, Strickland is home to McKinney's "Pub," several conference rooms, offices and work and recreation space. A former elevator shaft features a glass bridge where you can peer three floors down to the basement. McKinney only occupies the third floor, while other occupants include Duke University offices, the offices of the American Tobacco Campus management, a restaurant and the American Underground, a start-up incubator located in the basement.

