Pickard Hall's 127-year history coming to an end

1892
Pickard Hall, named for Classical Archaeology and History of Art chair John Pickard, is constructed for $33,000.

1913
Chemistry Department chair Herman Schlundt begins conducting radium experiments in the building.

Late 1970s
MU officials become aware of radiation in the building and restrict access to certain areas.

1976
The Museum of Art History and Archaeology opens in the renovated Pickard Hall.

2007
New regulations transfer monitoring of Pickard from Missouri's Department of Environmental Resources to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

1999-2001
Pickard gets a $1.5 million facelift.

2009
The NRC asks MU to submit a two-year cleanup plan.

2011
MU asks the NRC for an indefinite extension on the cleanup. The NRC says no.

Dec. 2013
Pickard is vacated.

Nov. 2019
MU submits proposal to demolish Pickard to the NRC. Potential price tag: $12 million.

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