

On Campus

15 New Views of Vintage Columbia

Postcard collector Brewster Moseley '76TC shares some of his favorite campus scenes.

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Back in college, Brewster Moseley '76TC began exchanging postcards with a friend. Their running gag was to send the weirdest, funniest cards they could find. Today, Moseley, a writer and photographer living in Idaho, is a deltiologist — a collector of postcards. Dominating his collection are vintage Columbia cards from the late 1800s to the mid-1940s. “While not exaggerated or humorous,” Moseley says, “these cards certainly evoke — for me at least — beautiful, nostalgic memories.”

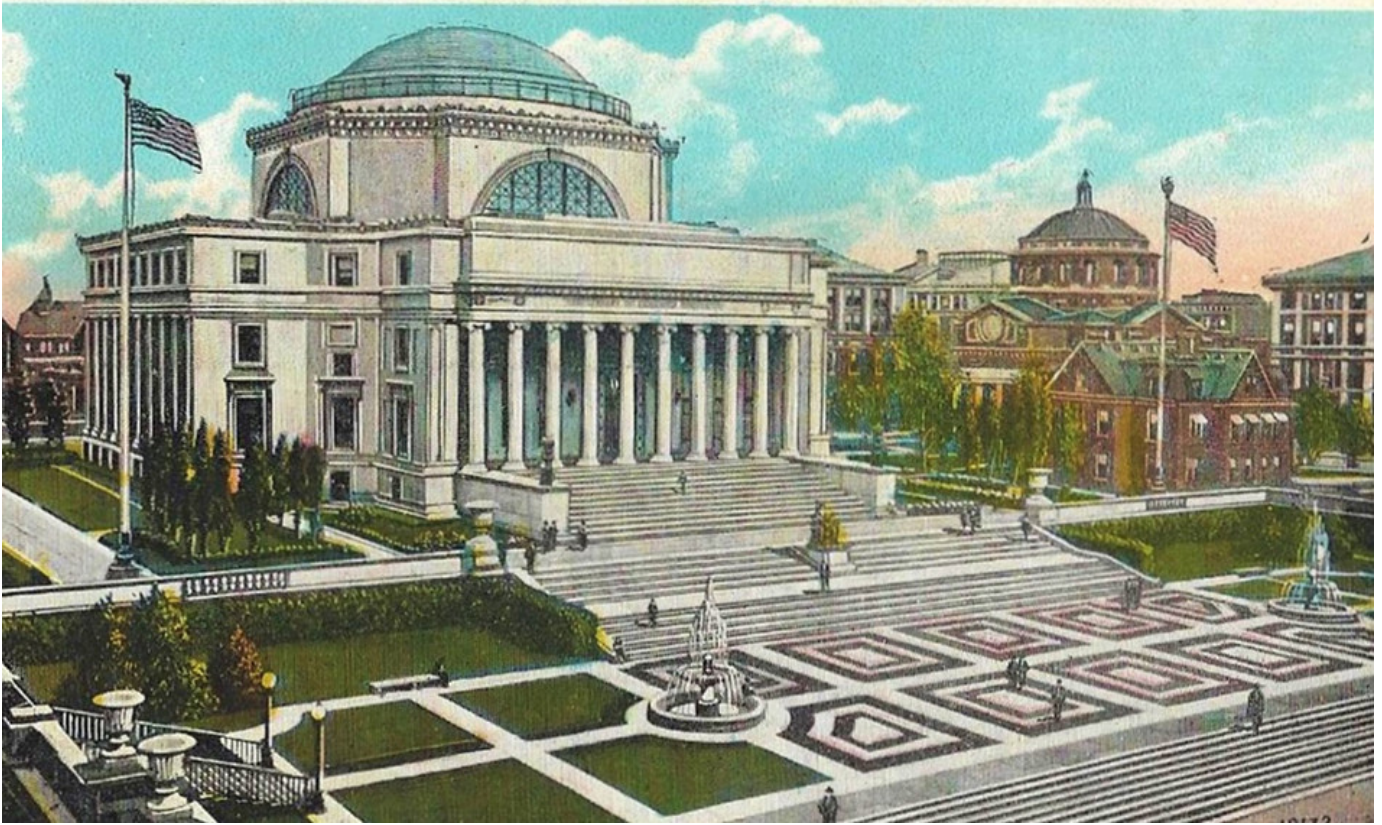
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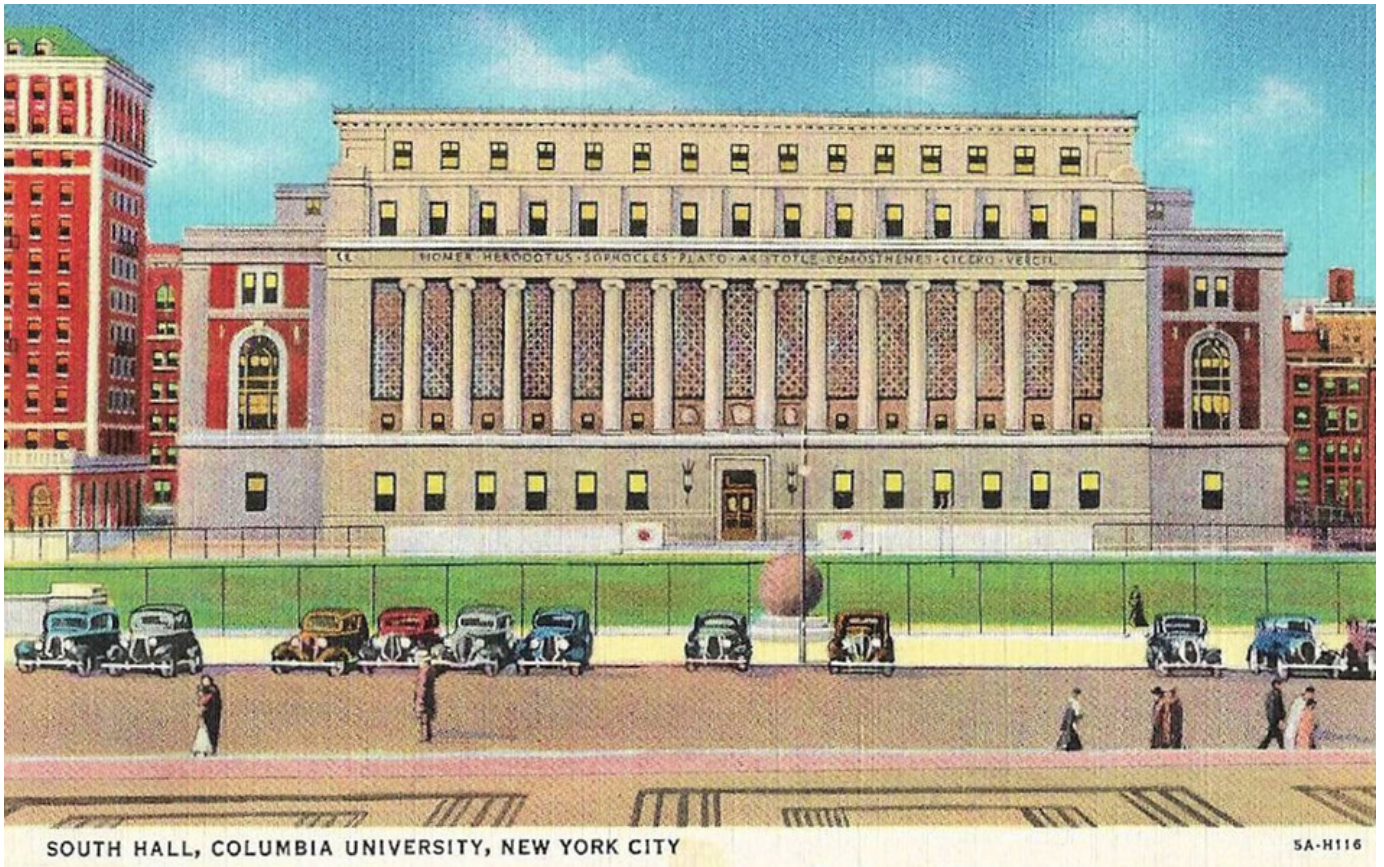
Columbia University Library.

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The Library, Columbia University, New York City.



Butler Library (previously "South Hall")

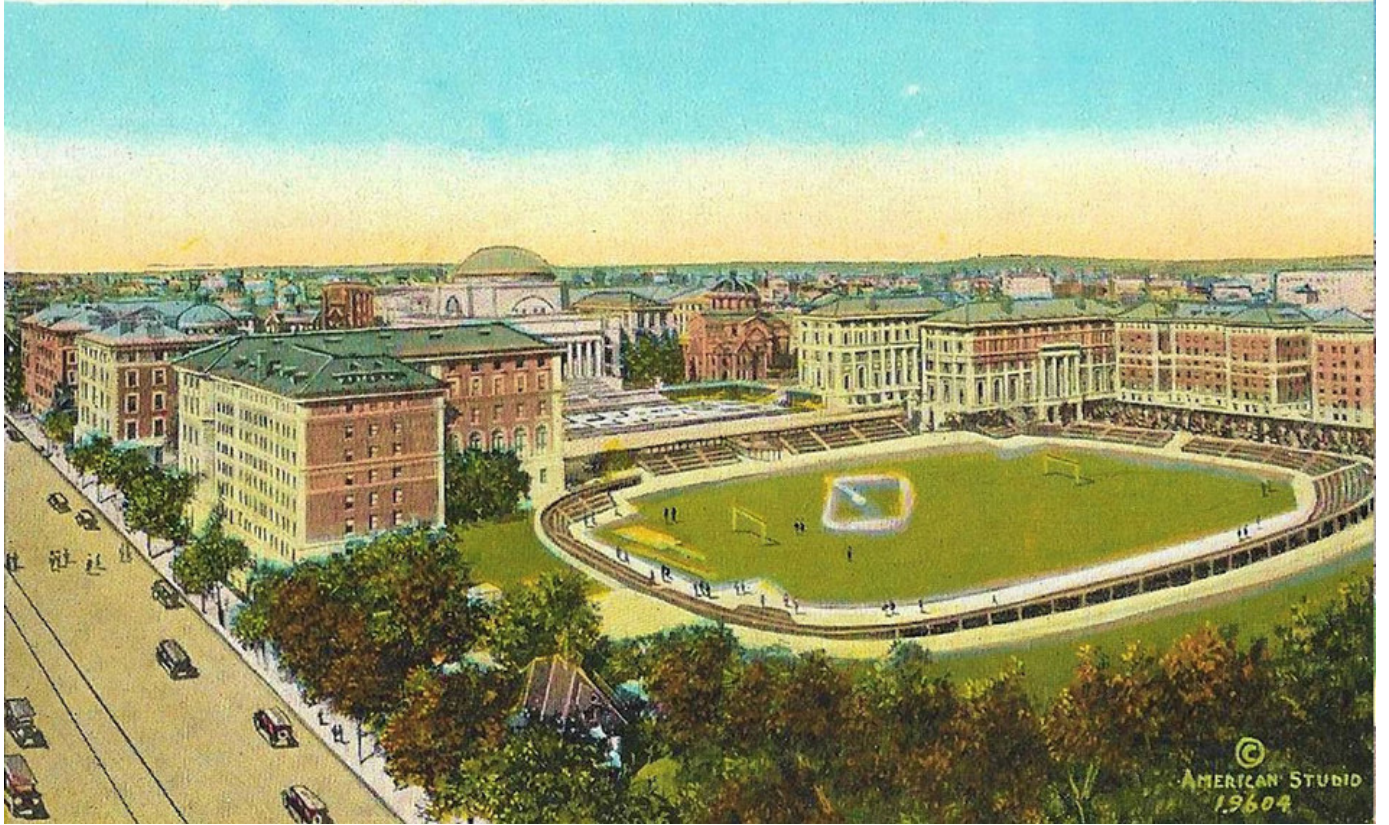


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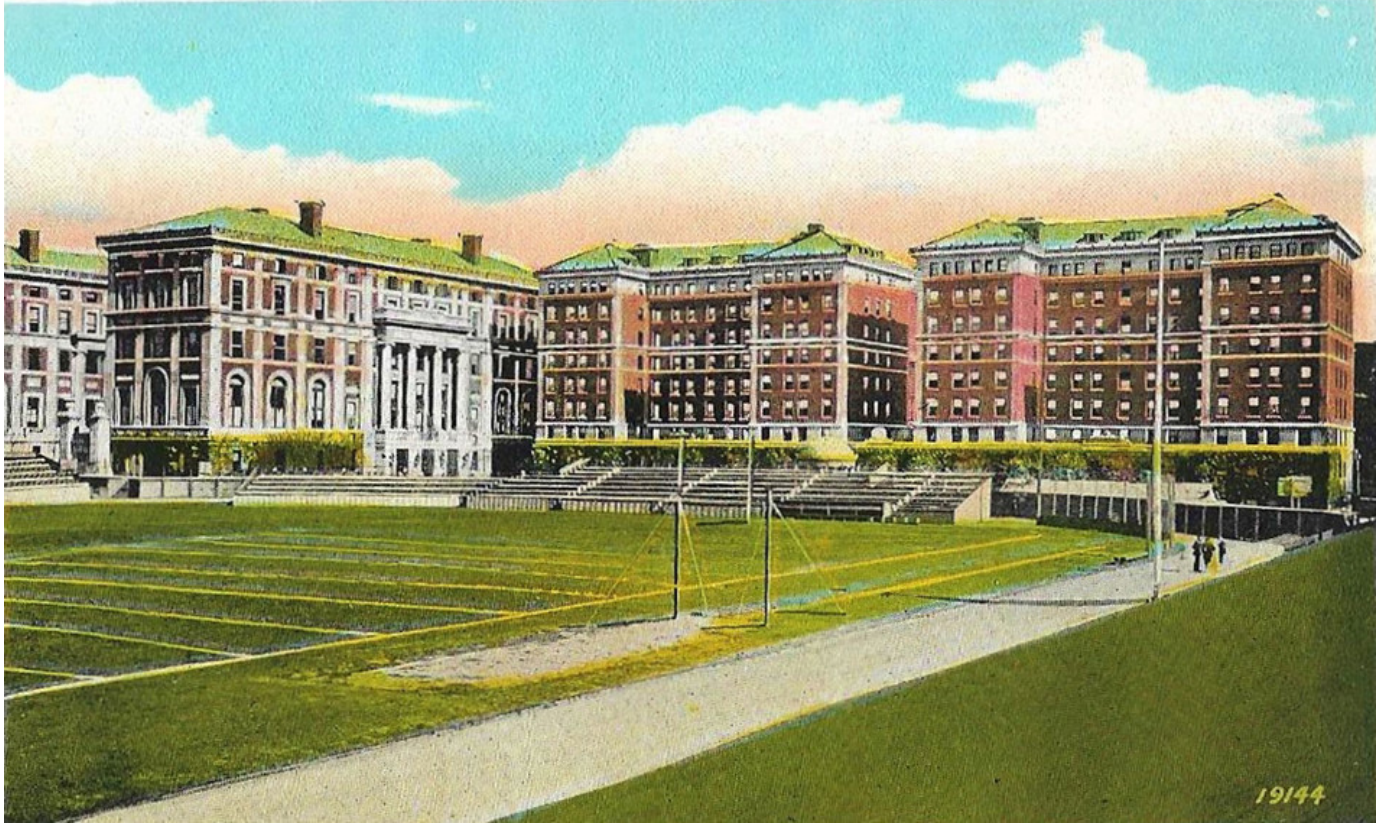
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The athletic field

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK CITY.

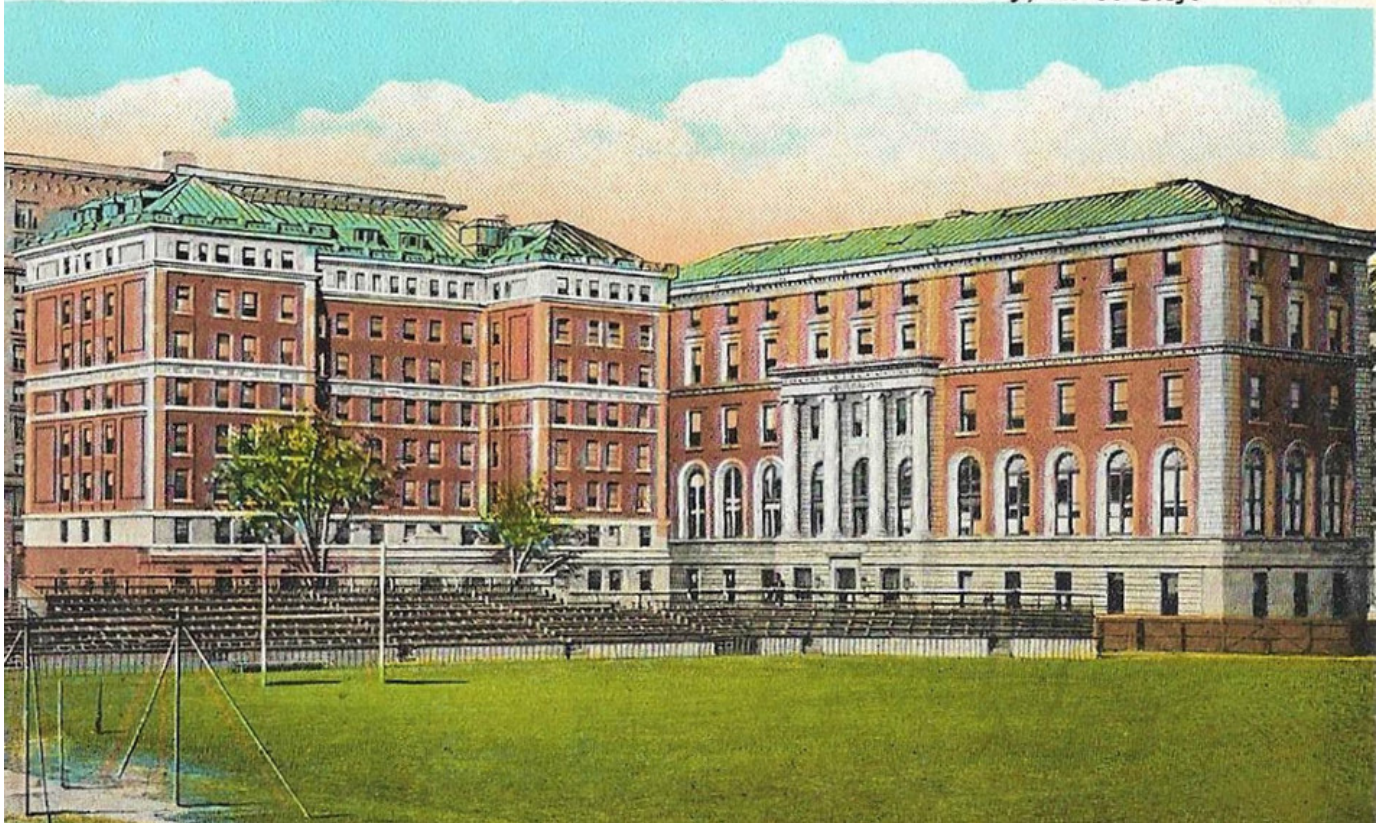


Hamilton Hall, Hartley and Livingston Dormitories, from South Field,

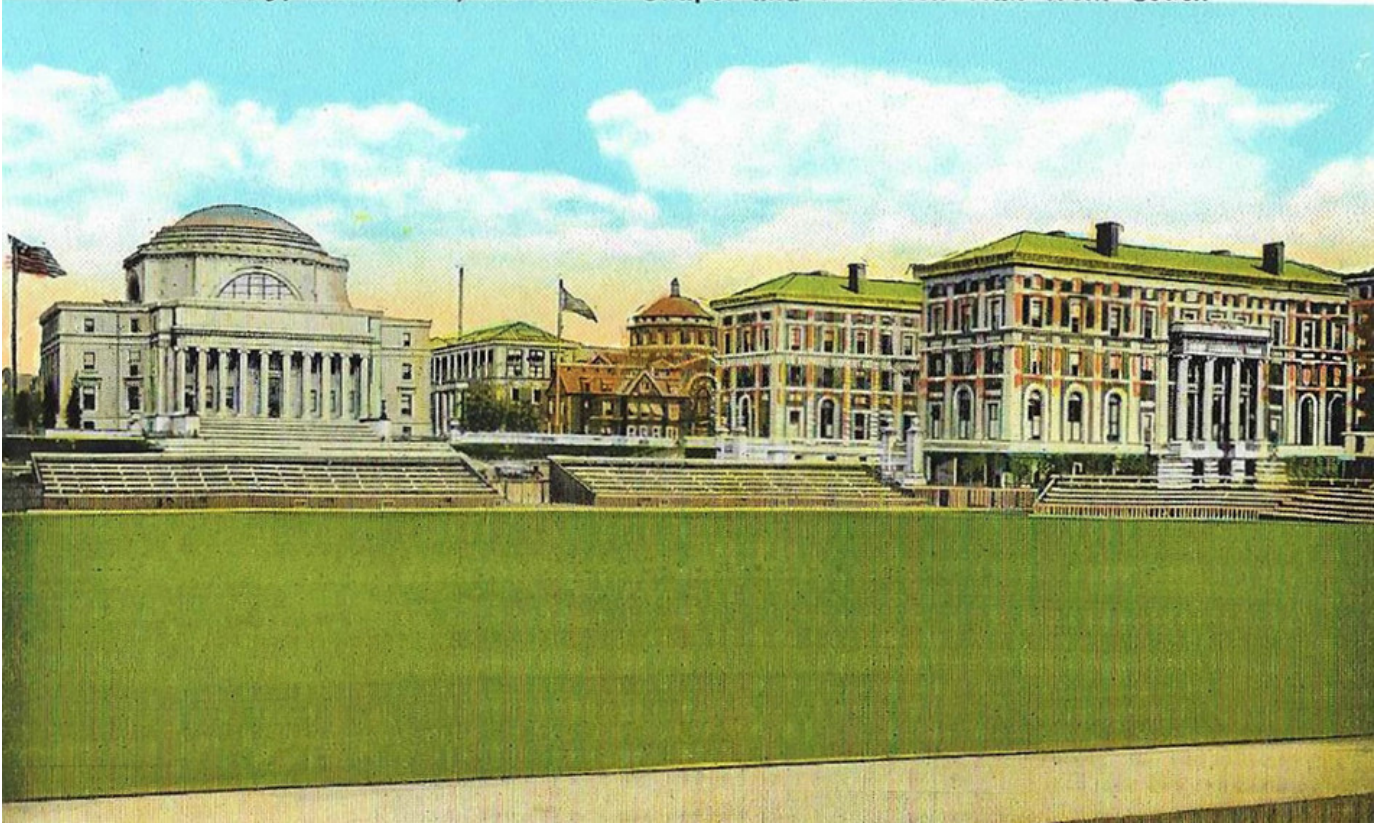


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Furnald Hall and School of Journalism, Columbia University, N. Y. City.

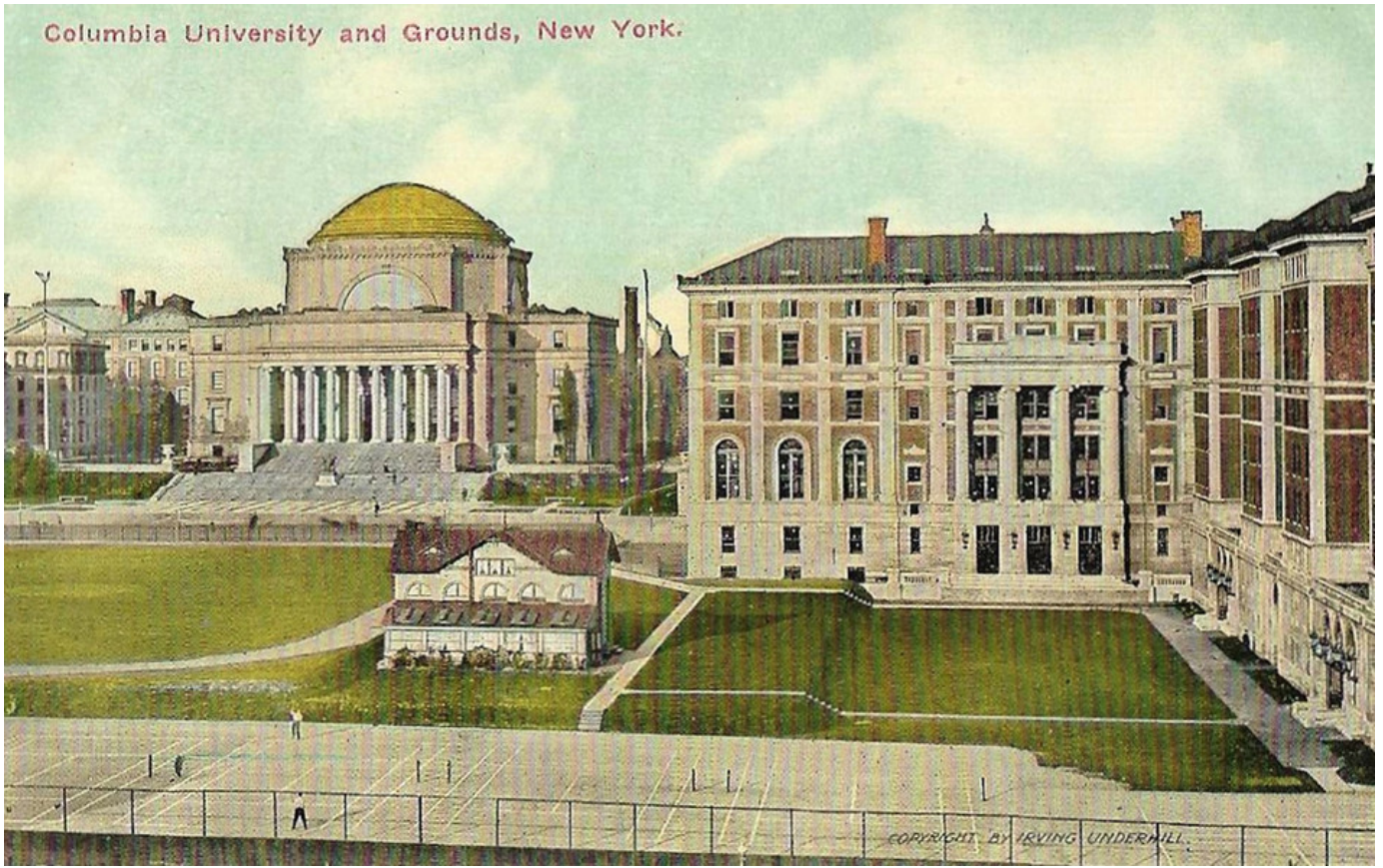


Library, Kent Hall, St. Paul's Chapel and Hamilton Hall from South

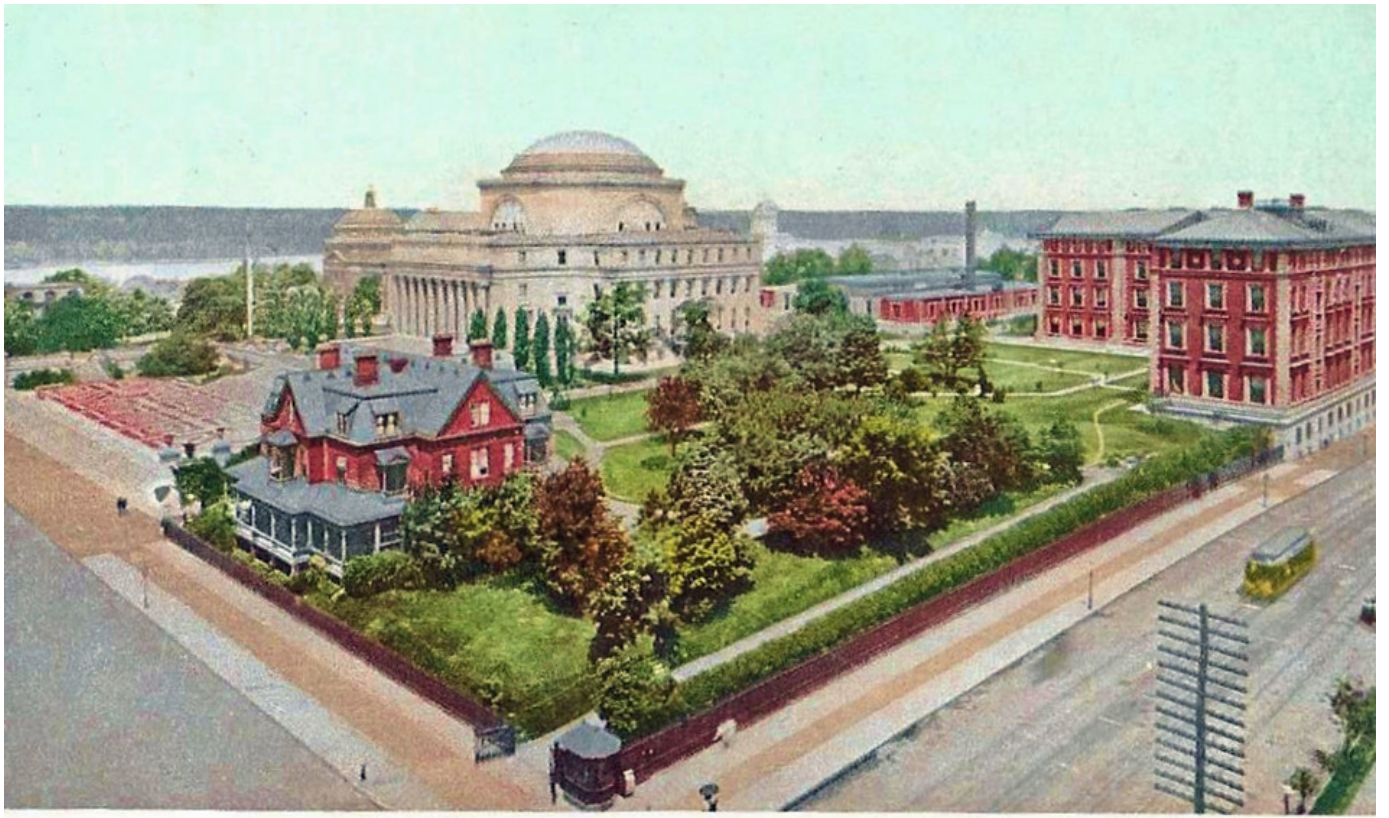


A tennis court on campus

Columbia University and Grounds, New York.



Aerial views



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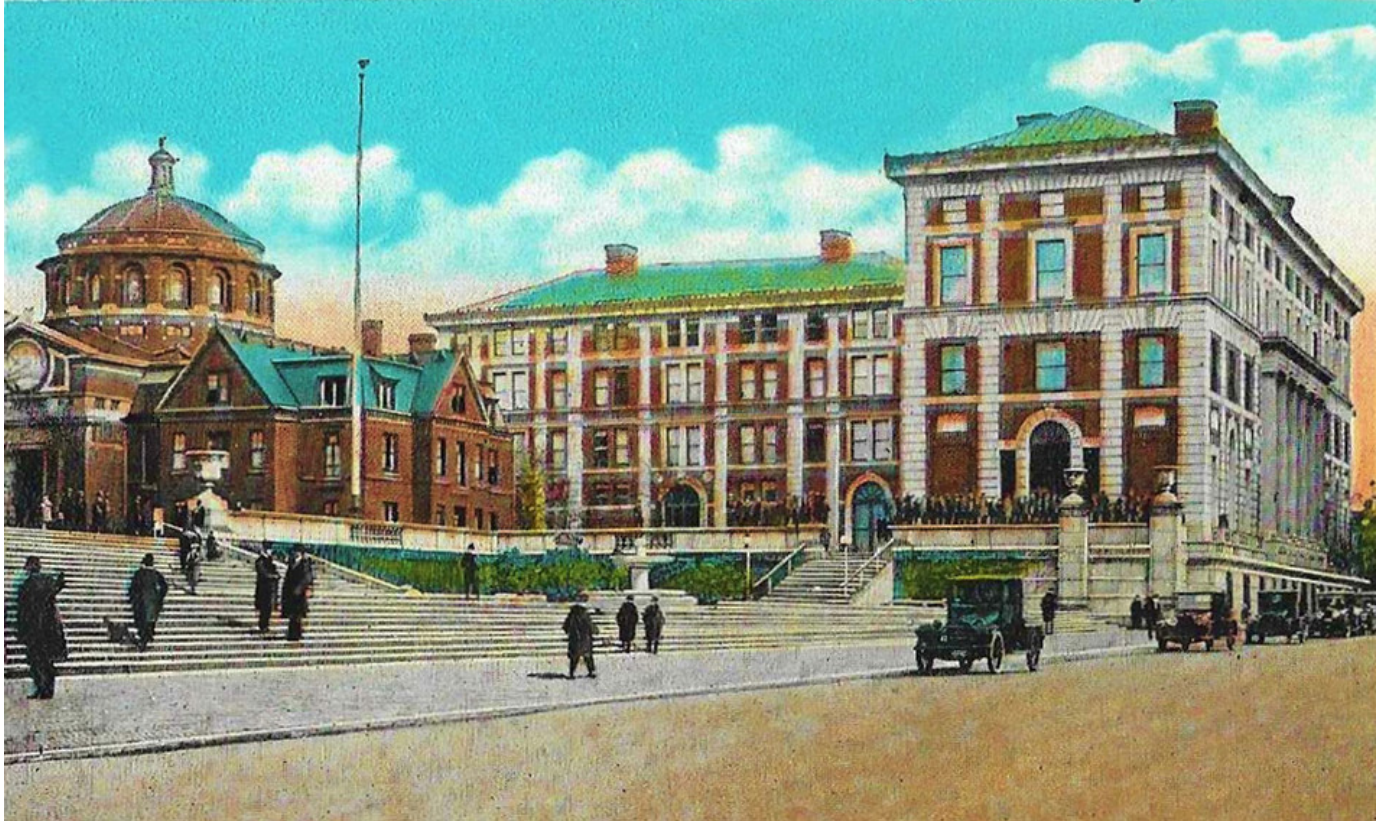
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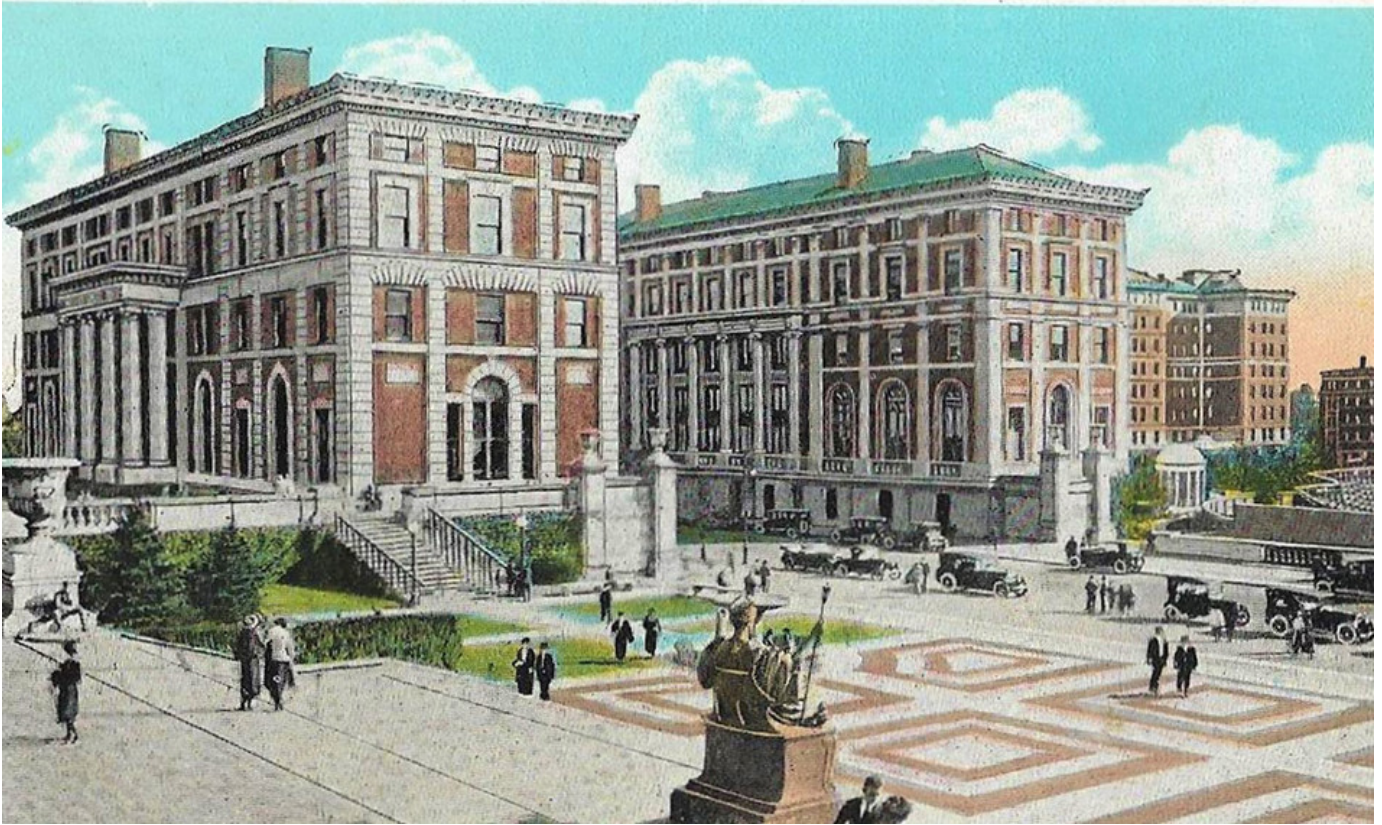
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Looking east

Chapel East, Philosophy and Kent Halls, Columbia University, New York City.

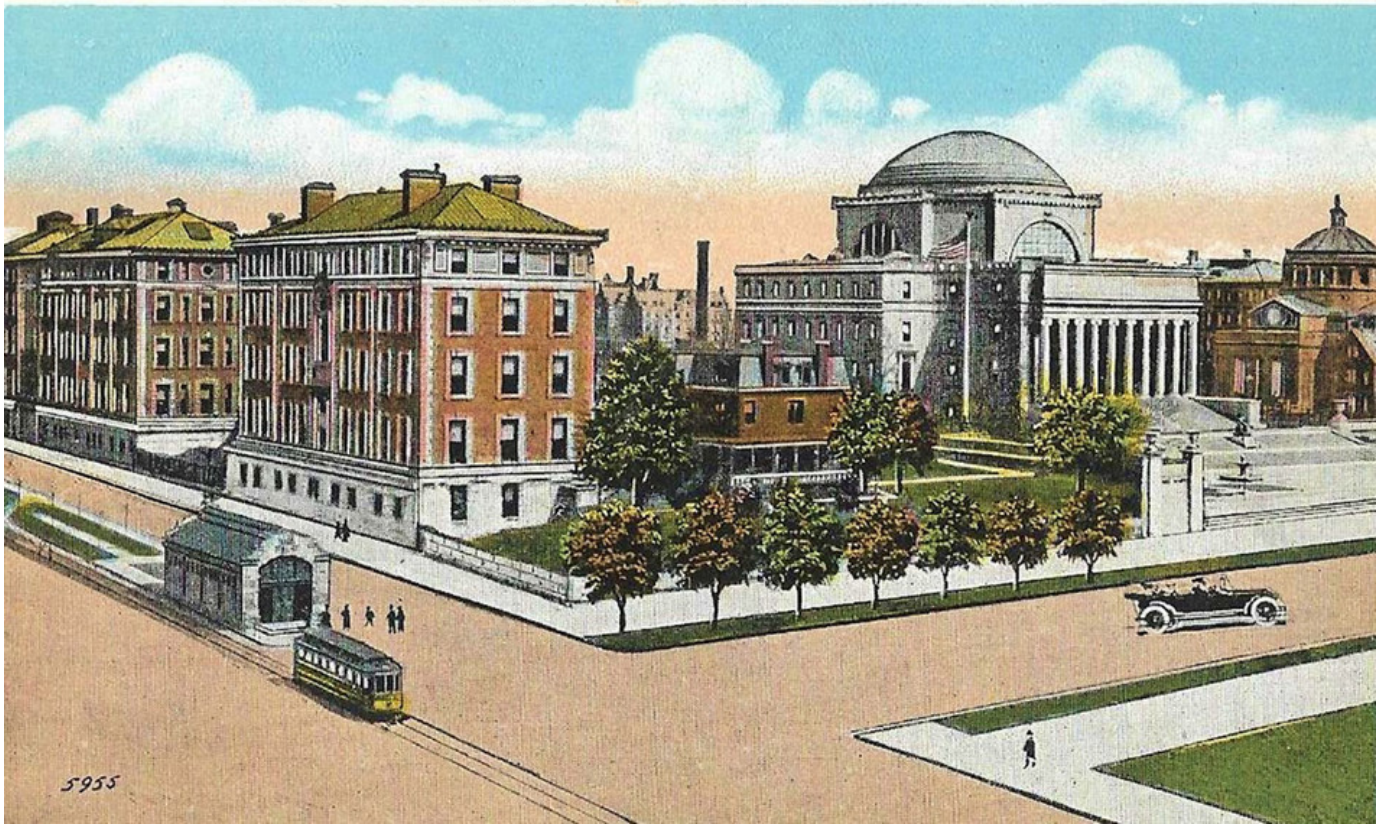


South Court, Kent and Hamilton Halls, Columbia University, N. Y. City.

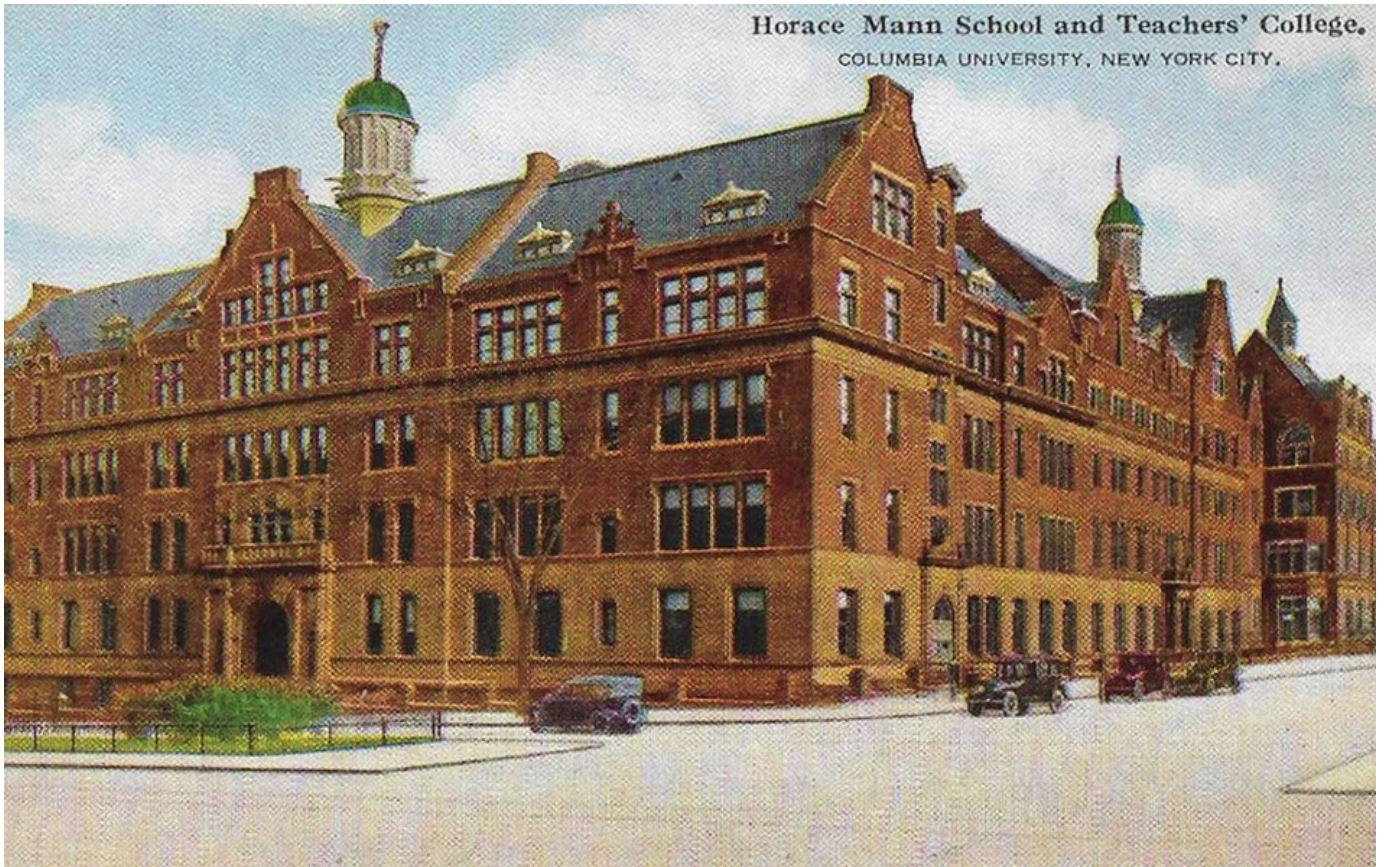


The trolley along Broadway

Columbian University, New York City.



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