On Campus

15 New Views of Vintage Columbia

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

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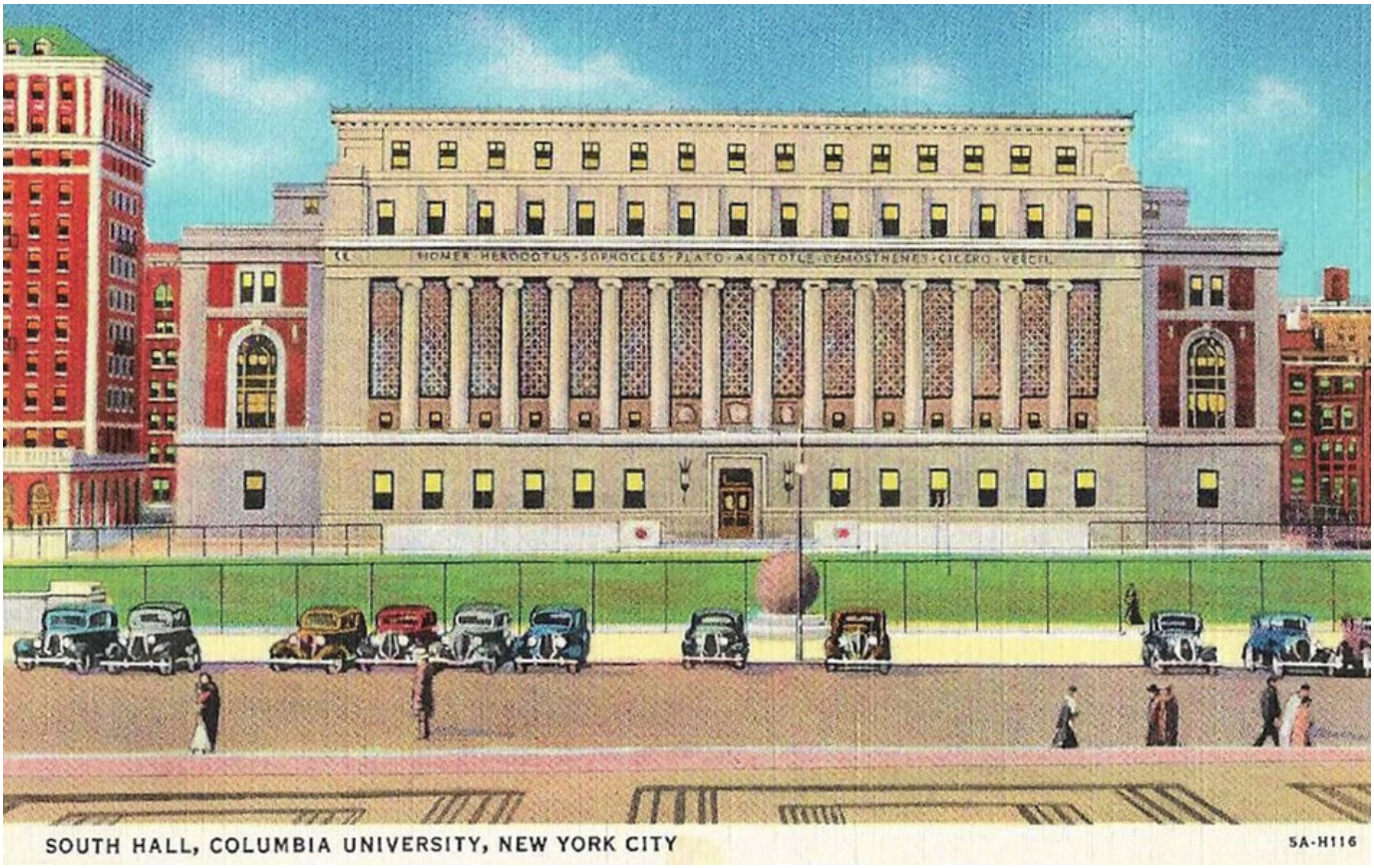
Back in college, Brewster Moseley ’76TC began exchanging postcards with a friend. Their running gag was to send the weirdest, funniest cards they could find. Today, Moseley, a writer and photographer living in Idaho, is a deltiologist — a collector of postcards. Dominating his collection are vintage 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.”

Low Library


Columbia University Library.
Florence Robinson



Butler Library (previously "South Hall")

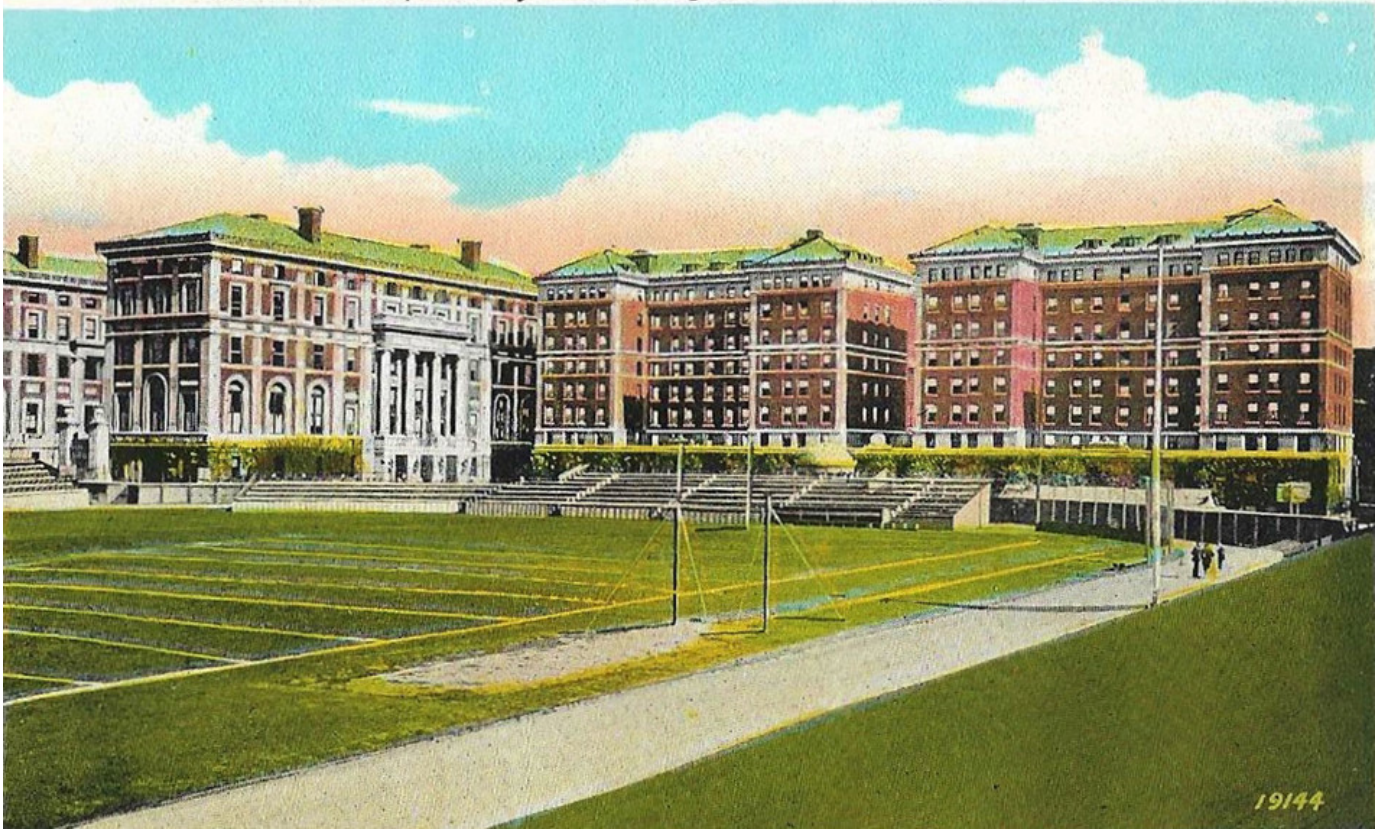


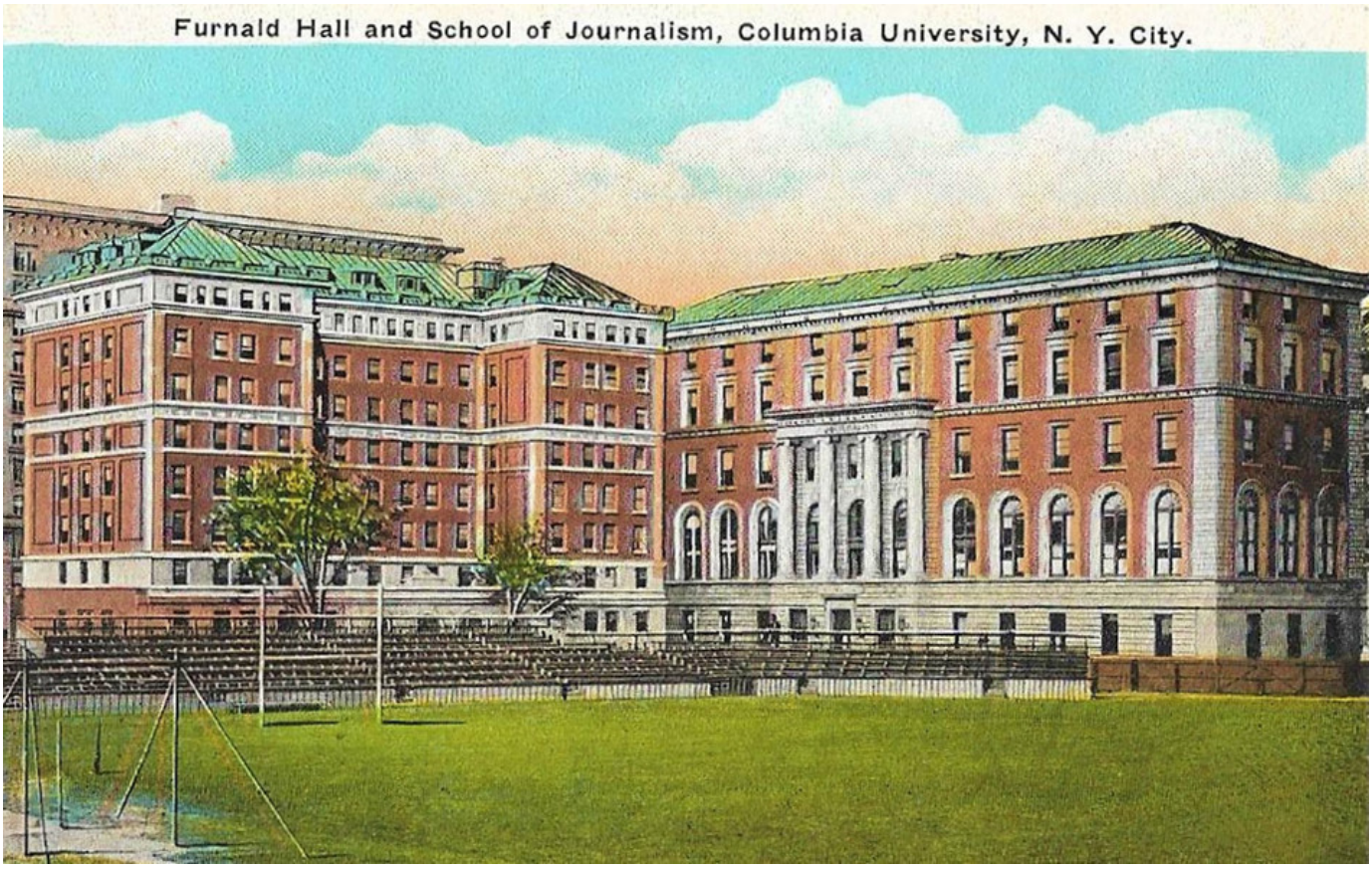
The athletic field

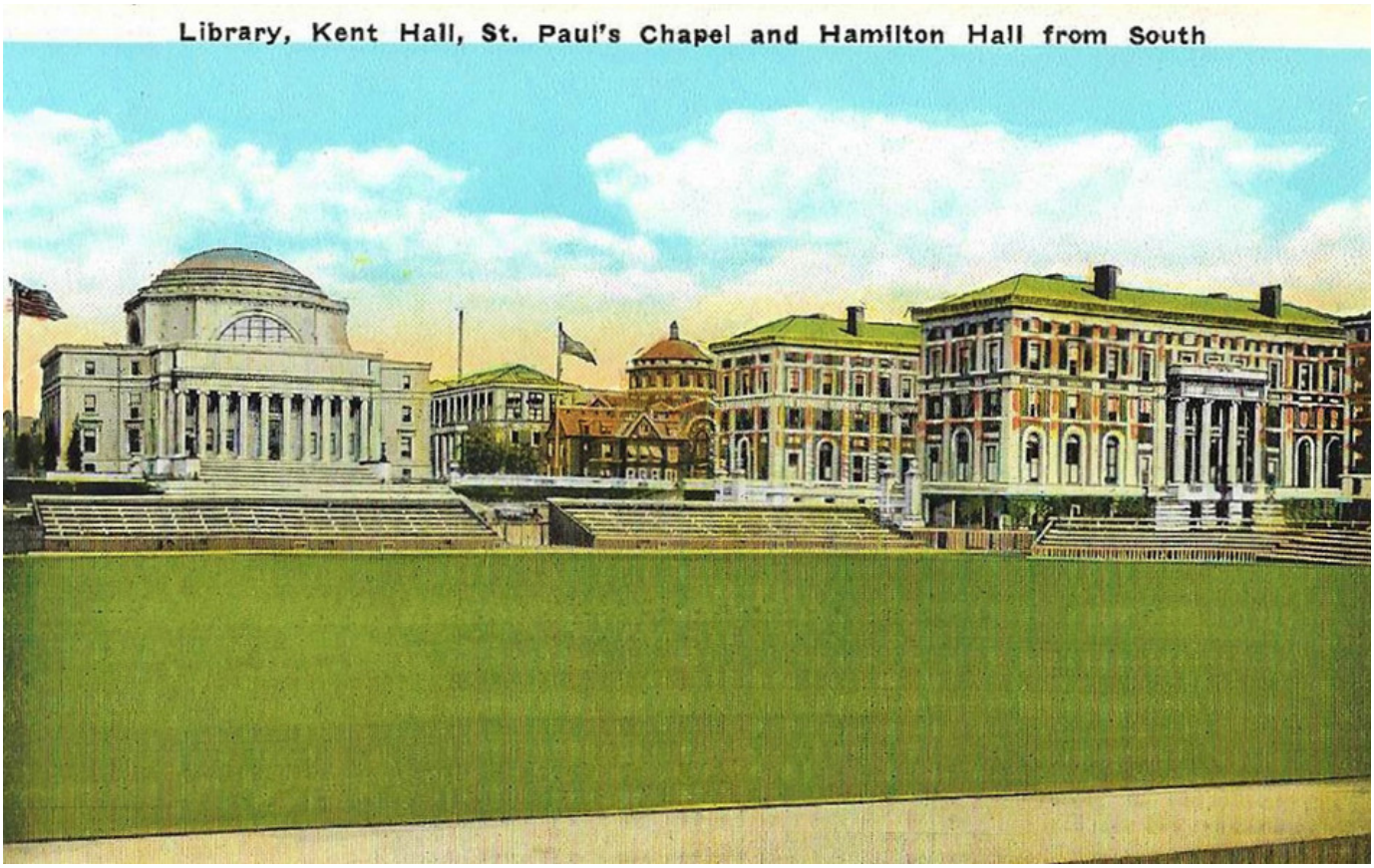
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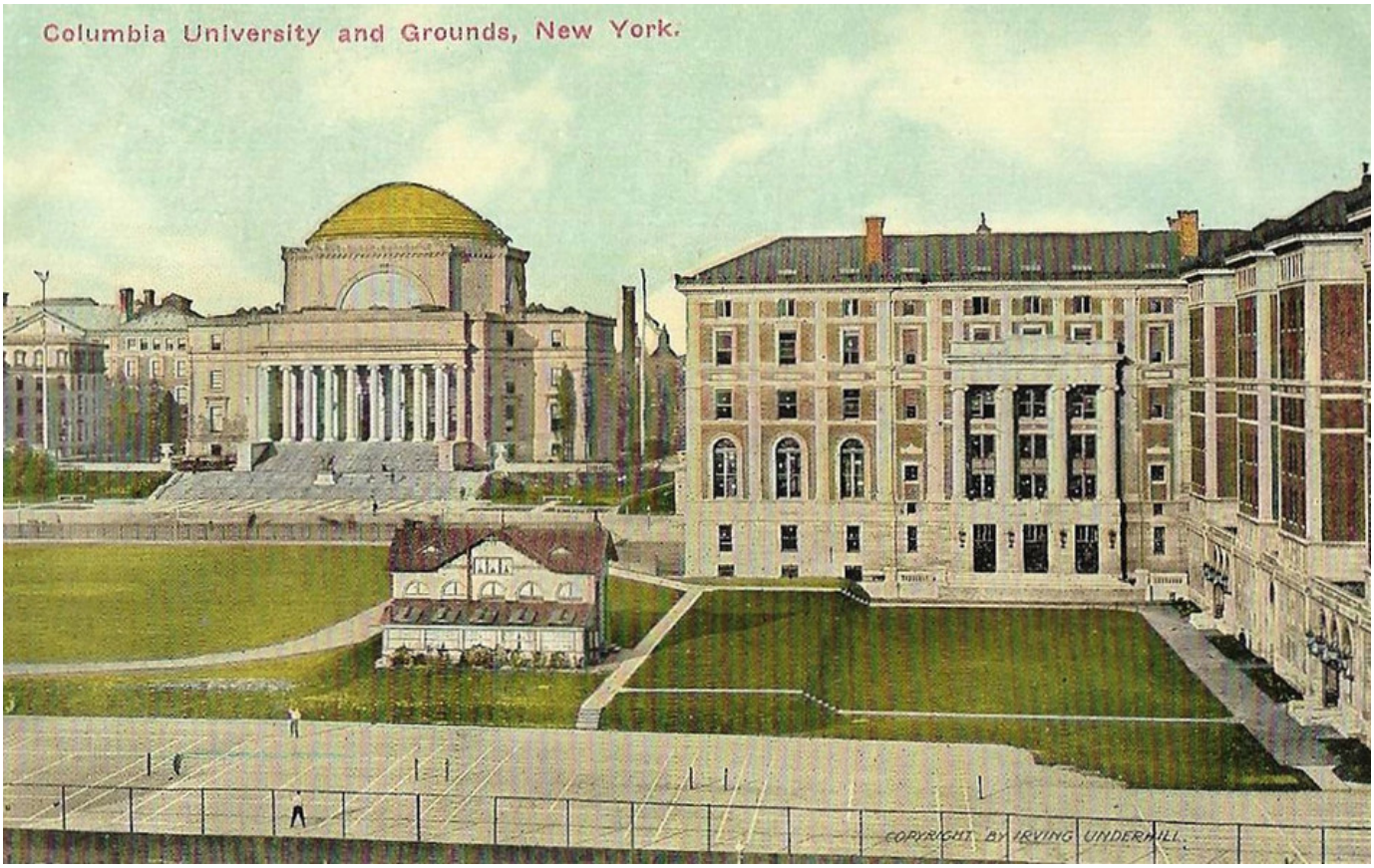
Hamilton Hall, Hartley and Livingston Dormitories, from South Field,



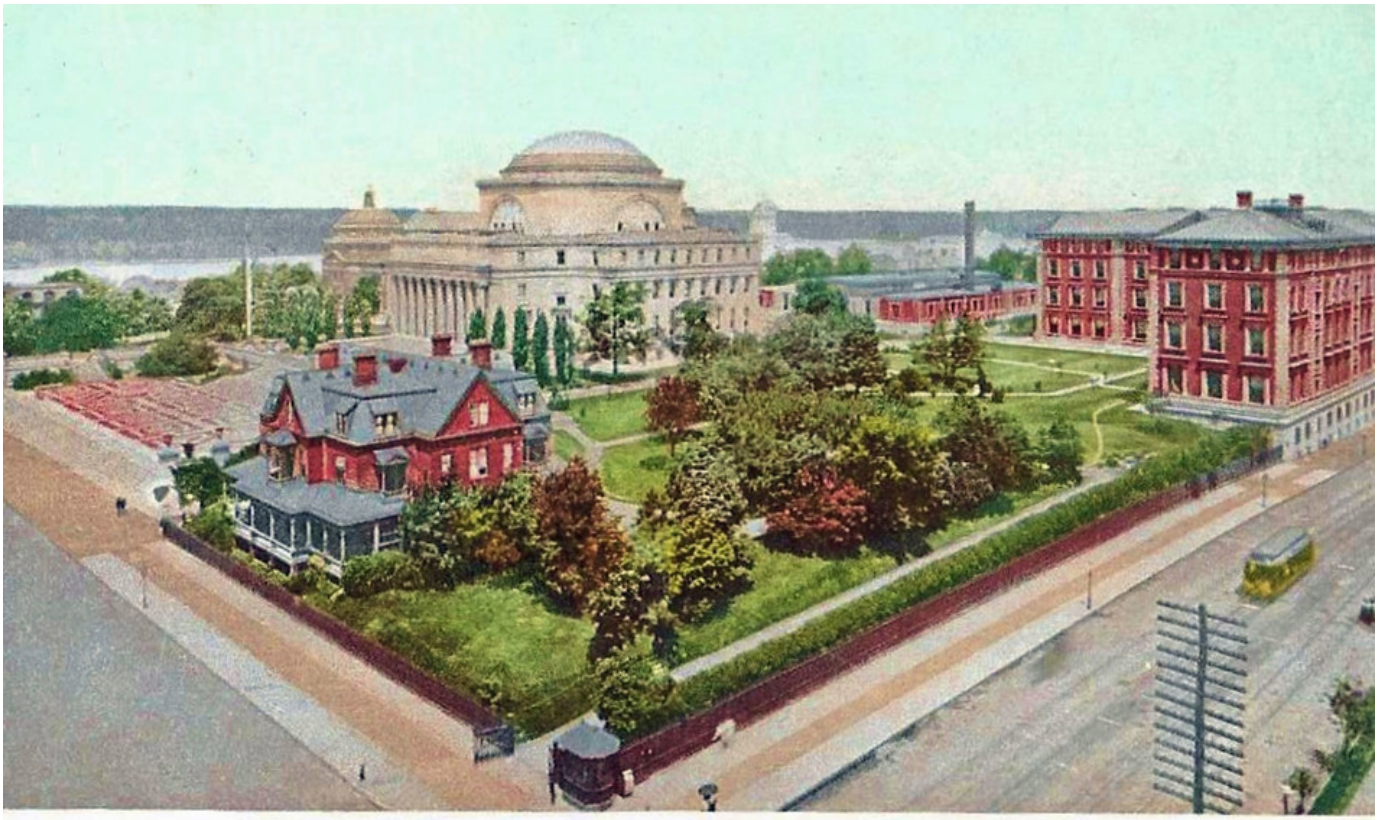

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A tennis court on campus



Aerial views



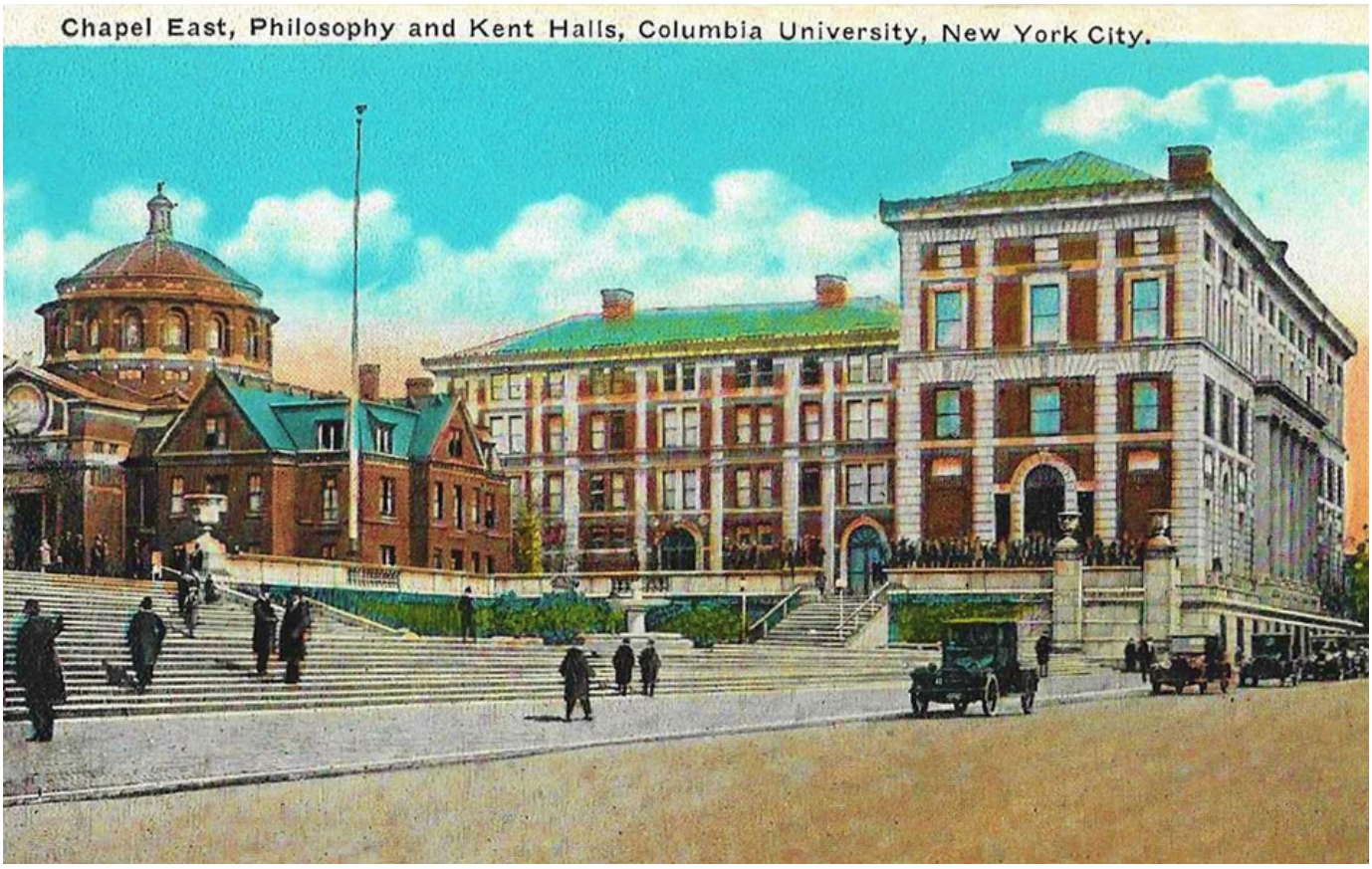
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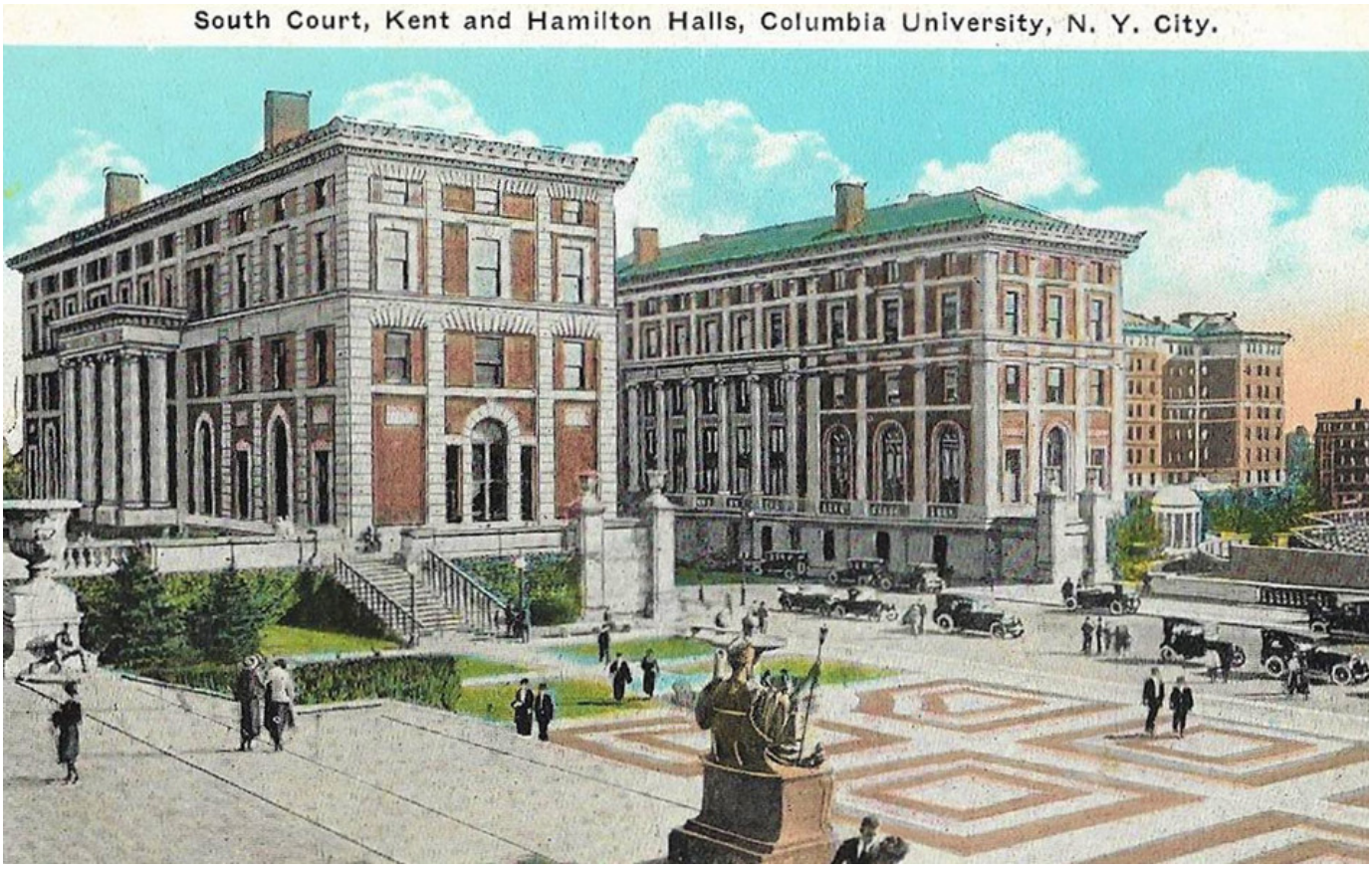


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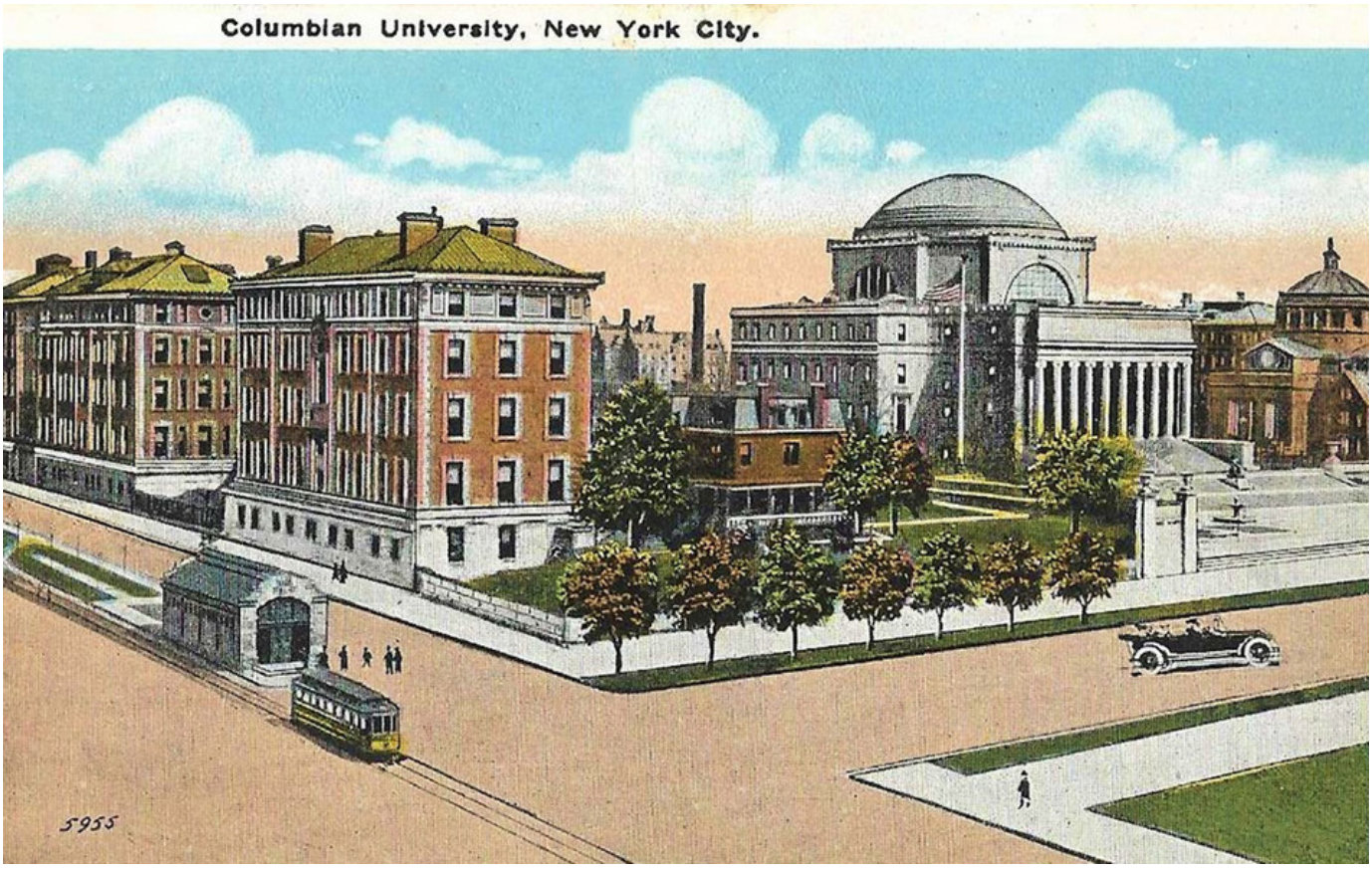


Looking east

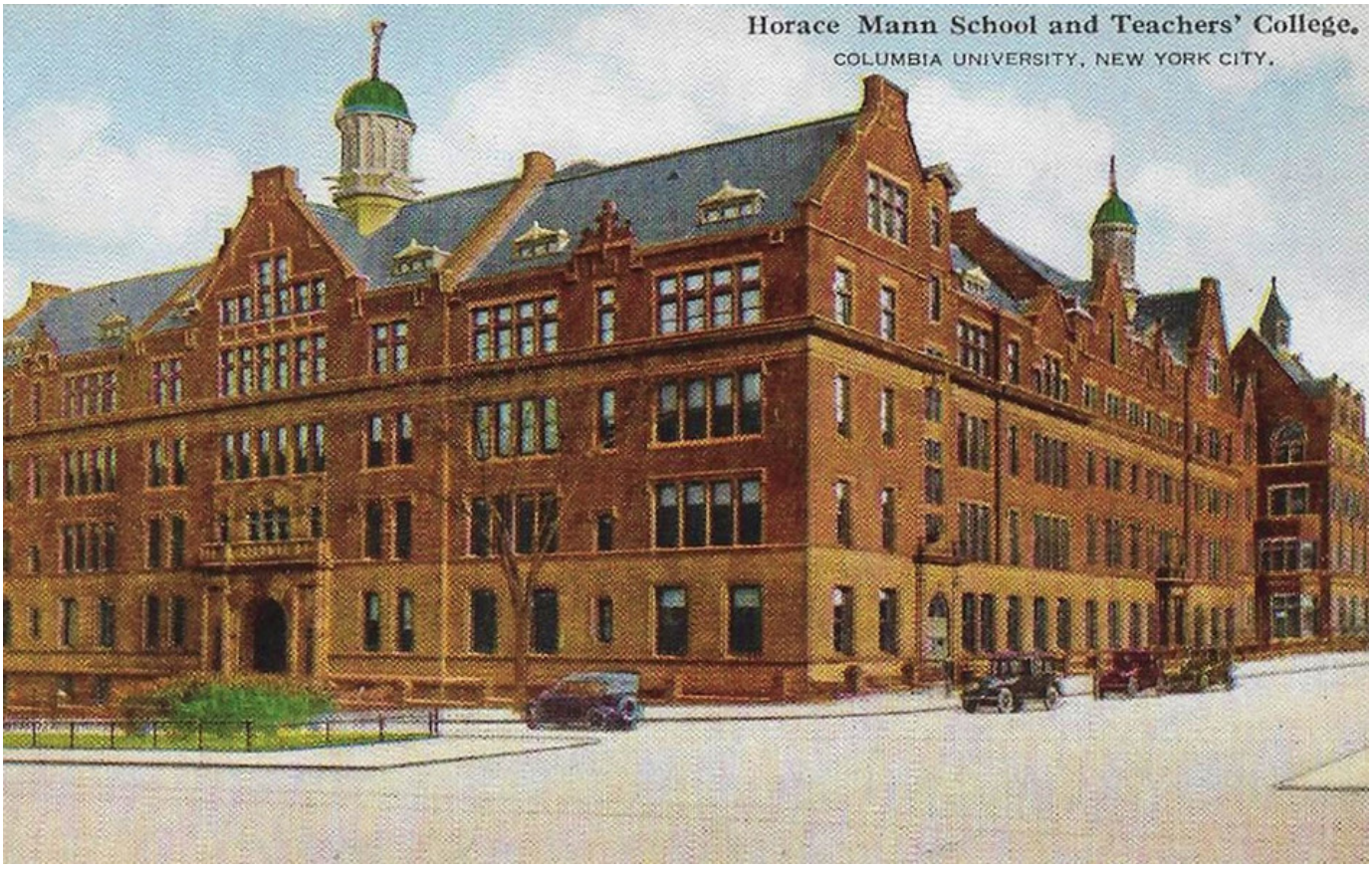

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The trolley along Broadway



Teachers College



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