

King's College
and
Columbia
College
1754-1856



King's College at the Trinity Church School House 1754-1760



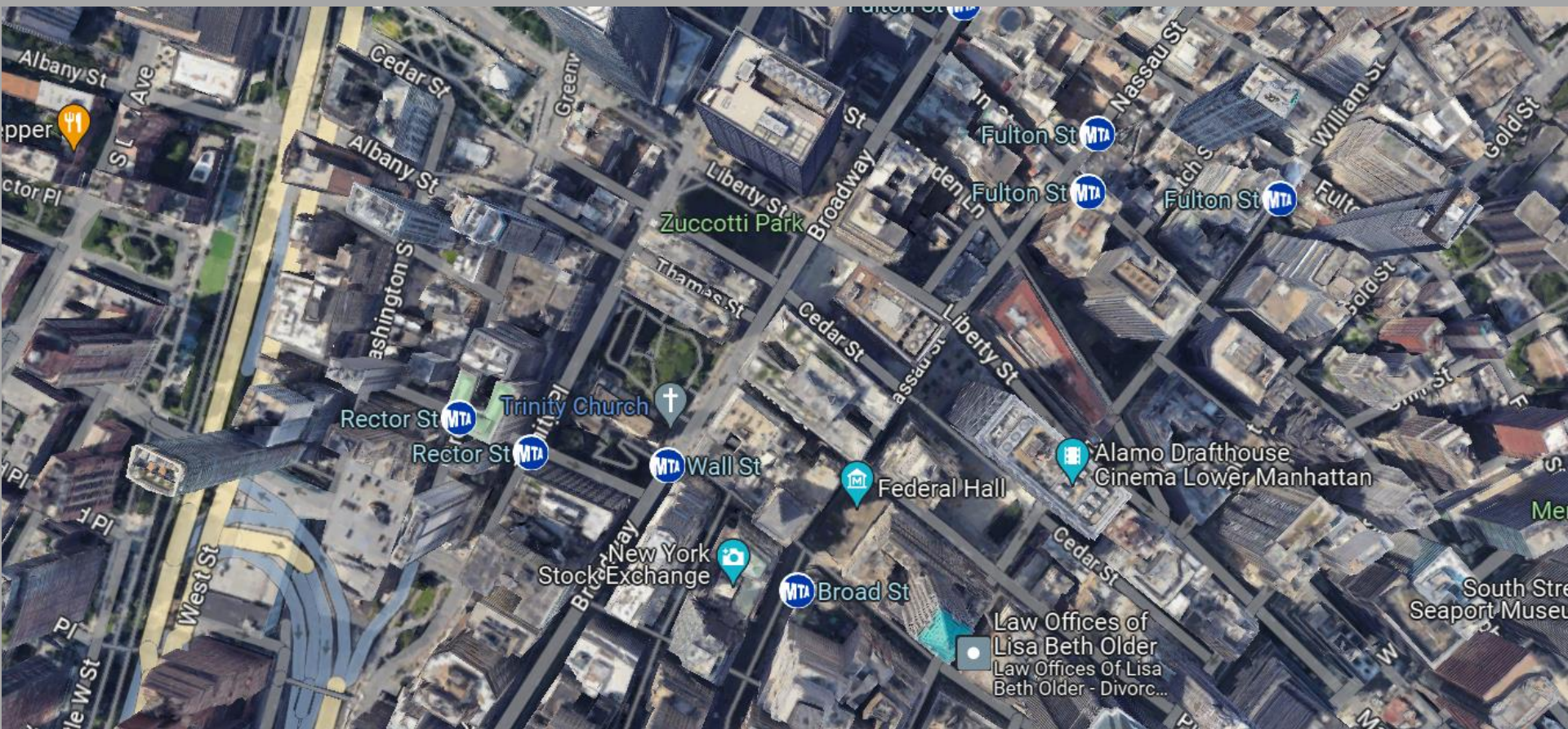
Drawn by Edward Punnett Chrystie, 1953



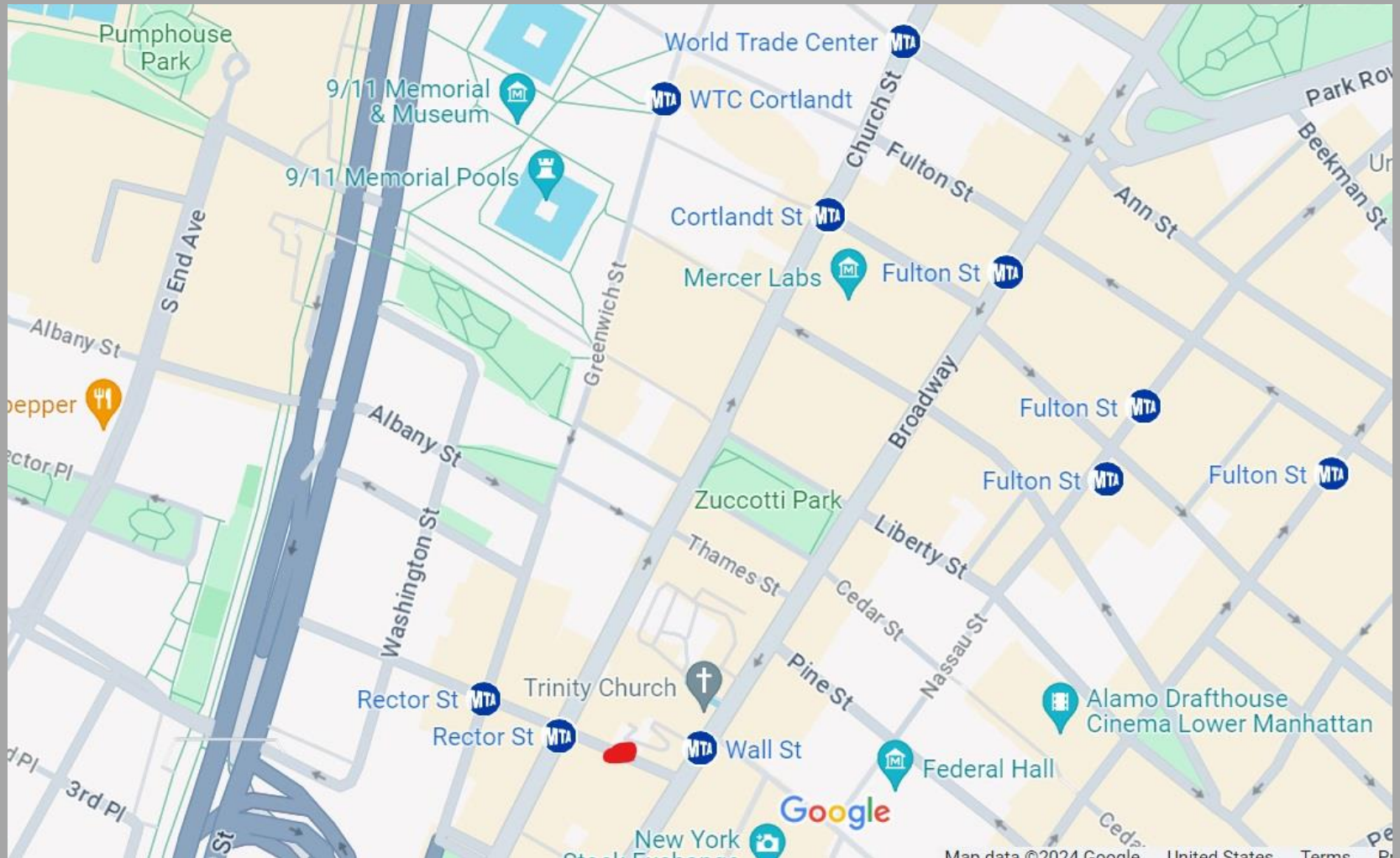
The original Trinity Church (1698) is at the left, facing the Hudson; in the background is the Lutheran Church and its parsonage on Broadway; across Rector Street (then called Robinson Street) is the English Charity Schoolhouse (built 1748, burned 25 February 1749 or 1750, rebuilt 1751) in which King's College was housed until 1760. All the buildings shown were destroyed in the fire of 20-21 September 1776.

Great Fire of 1776 – Arson?





Rector Street – Approximately 25 feet from Alexander Hamilton's Grave



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King's College circa 1754

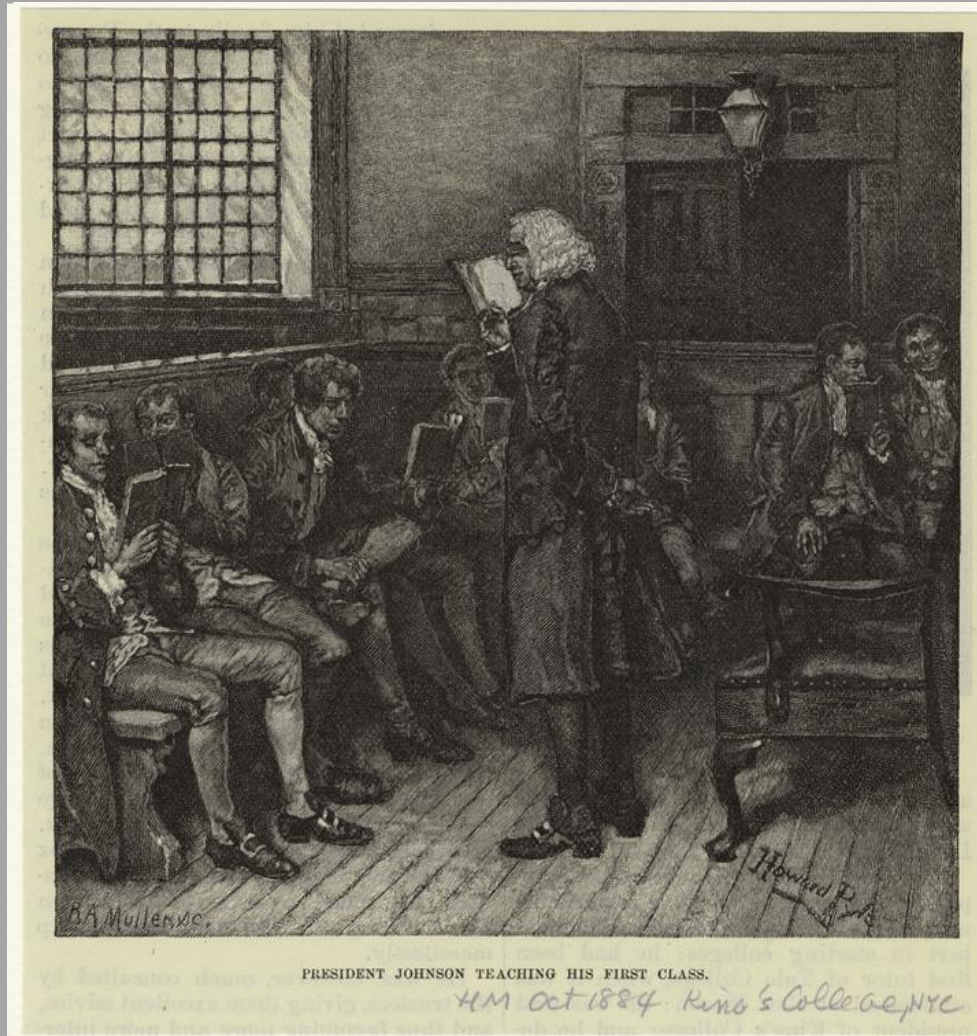


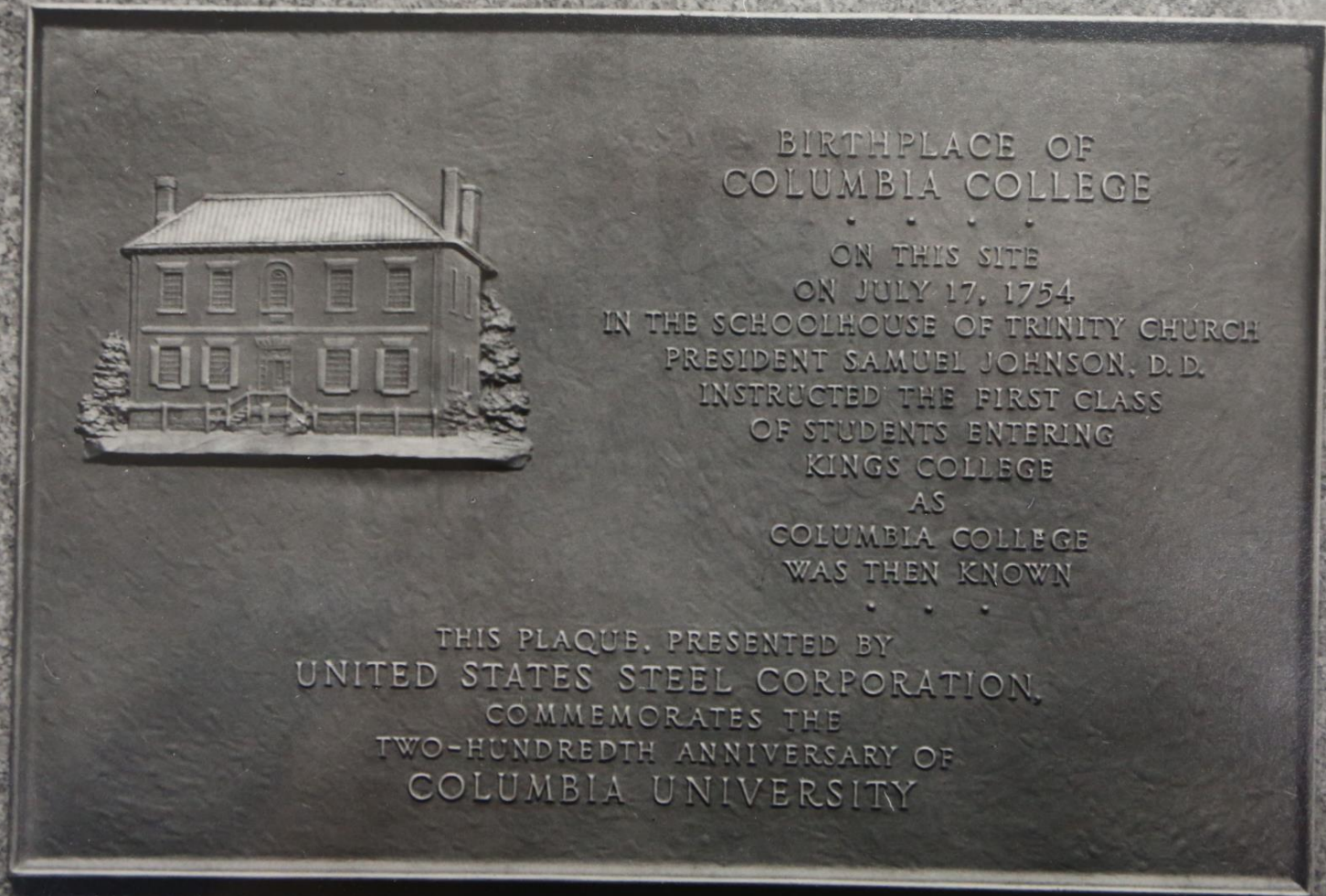
Image created in 1884

First Campus Trinity Church Schoolhouse (1754-1756)





The fire that broke out in the New Free School in New York City in the early hours of February 23, 1750, destroyed that recently completed building, and as depicted in this commemorative scene the blaze was spread by flying cinders to the steeple of Trinity Church, where happily it was extinguished. (The engraved date is "1749/50" because two calendars were then in use.) The reward money received by Andrew Gautier, a chair maker, for his part in saving the church apparently went toward this bowl made by Adrian Bancker and inscribed AGE for Andrew and his wife Elizabeth – Now in Metropolitan Museum of Art



Birthplace of Columbia College - 1754
Plaque from Columbia University's 200th Anniversary in 1954

SATURDAY, JULY 17, 1954.

The New York Times

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DR. JOHNSON OPENS HIS KING'S COLLEGE

In Role of First President
Dean Carman Evokes First
Principle of Columbia

COLONIAL ERA DEPICTED

Below Spire of Trinity Church
University Re-enacts Day
of Beginning in 1754

By MILTON BRACKER

Dr. Samuel Johnson—not Boswell's—was no less impressive yesterday as, attired in peruke, black coat and breeches, white stockings and buckled shoes, he started eight young gentlemen on a career of learning at King's College. One of them was late to class.

The Dr. Johnson of 1954, an impersonation of the first president of the precursor of Columbia College by Columbia's dean emeritus, Harry J. Carman, was 200 years less one day after the fact.

For it was on July 17, 1754, that the original scholar and philosopher convened the first class of the institution that was to become the vast university centered on Morningside Heights. The site was the "new" schoolhouse of Trinity Church. It is now occupied by the United States Steel Building, 71 Broadway, just across Rector Street from Trinity's churchyard.

After the re-enactment a plaque was unveiled on the north wall of the building. Benjamin F. Fairless, chairman of the steel company's board, and Dean Lawrence H. Chamberlain of Columbia College pulled cords that swept back the pale blue protective curtain.

The plaque was later removed in its temporary frame. It will take "about three weeks" to rivet it permanently into place, a spokesman said.

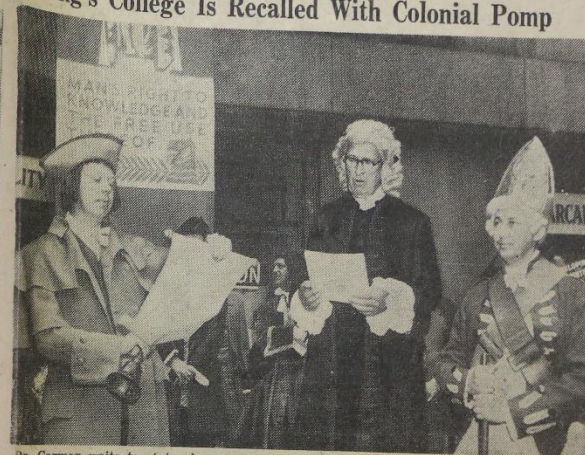
With Union Jack and Redcoats

The street was blocked off between Broadway and Trinity Place for the observance—all part of Columbia's bicentennial program. A Union Jack of the type current two centuries ago fluttered over a platform erected

Time Turns Backward 200 Years as First Class of King's College Is Recalled With Colonial Pomp



Dean Emeritus Harry J. Carman, as he, on platform, takes role of Dr. Samuel Johnson, first president of King's College, as he addresses eight students, who represent the opening class.



Dr. Carman waits to state aims as town crier reads proclamation. Soldier stands guard.



Colonial troops guard the entrance to Columbia celebration, held near Trinity churchyard

The New York Times (by Meyer Liebowitz)

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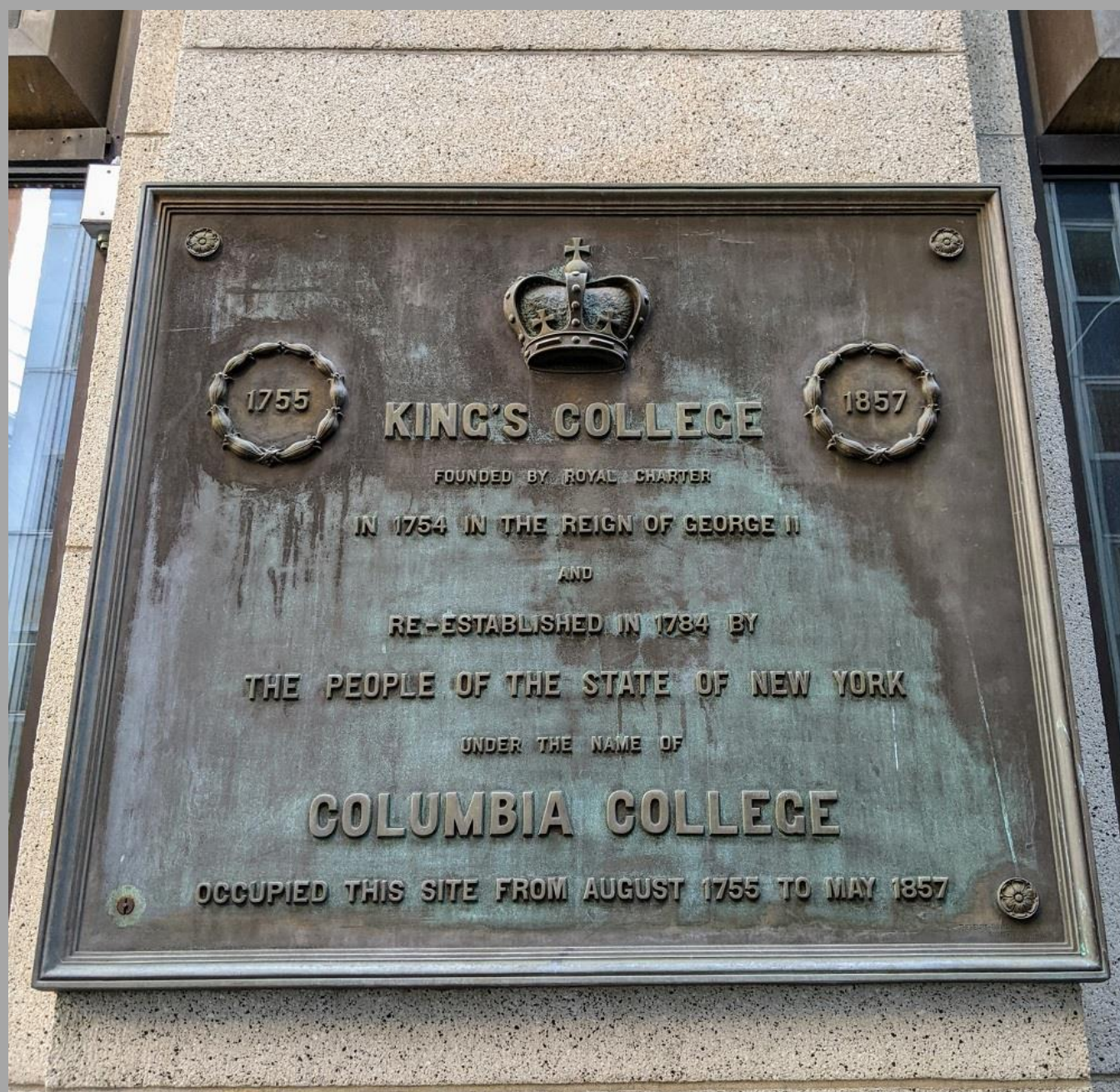
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Likely Stolen in the 1970s



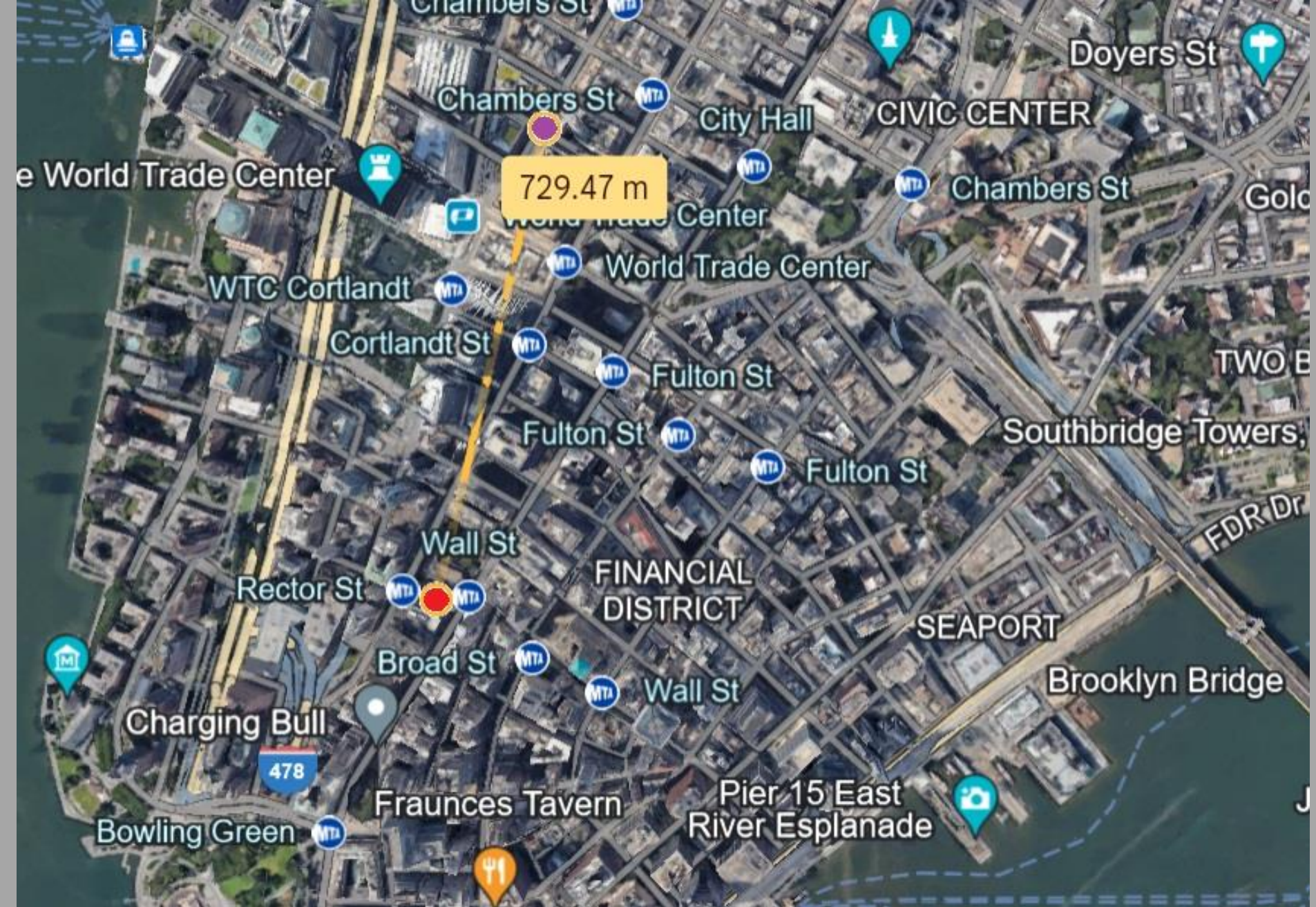
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The King's College Building – 1955
Milton Halsey Thomas

Probably best written secondary source
on this topic



Park Place and West Broadway – Northeast Corner



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John Jay

King's College – Enters in 1760

⁶ Admissions.

Anno 1760

admitted

Richard Harrison

John Jay

Henry Lloyd

absent a year in the country — upon his return went into the inferior class.

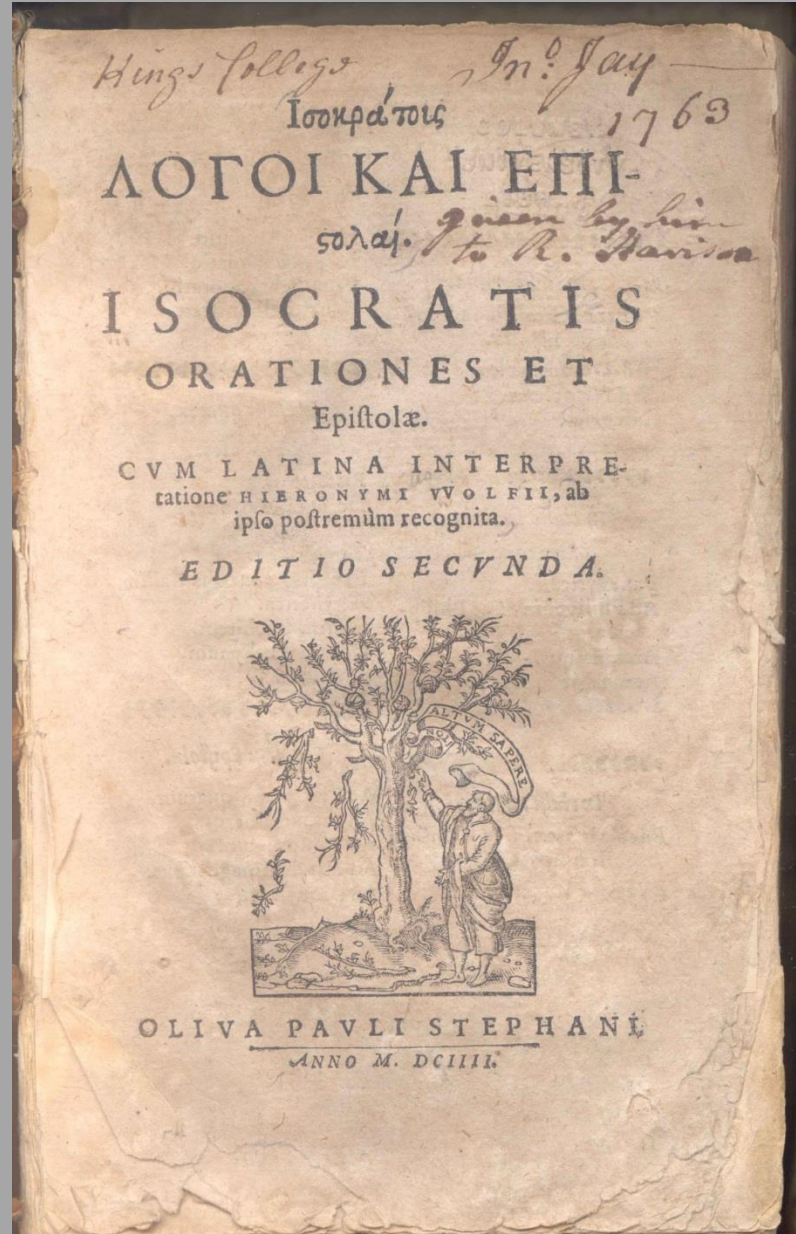
James Van Horn went to Physic in his 2^d year

Benjamin Hildreth left Coll. in his third year.

Benjamin Payne went to Business in his 2^d year

NB This year Mr. Broadwell professor of mathematics & natural philosophy died in April.

John Jay



Palm Tree Print - 1763





KING'S COLLEGE ABOUT 1763

John Jay Graduates - 1764

graduations - Anno 1764.

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The commencement was held in St. George's Chapel.
May 22^d when of following Gentlemen were
graduated

John Jay } B.A. - Henry Lloyd having
Richard Harrison } been absent for years and years
into of imperfect class.

Giles B.A. by Diploma. created

Henry Holland } M.A. - Both B.A.'s of this
Henry Van Duyck } College, regularly, before

Matthew Rushing admitted M.A. from Harvard College
at Cambridge M.G.

John Jay is promoted to Master of Arts - 1767





THE COLLEGE AND ITS ENVIRONS 1765-66

O R D E R
O F
COMMENCEMENT,

In KING'S COLLEGE, NEW-YORK, MAY 21, 1771.

P R A Y E R S.

- Ds. COPP, *Salutatory Oration*, (Lat.) On FAME.
" Pulchrum eminere est, inter illustres Viros :
Hæc summa Virtus, petitur hac Cælum Via." *Seneca.*
- Ds. CLARKE, (Engl.) On VIRTUE.
" Vis recte vivere? Quis non?
Si Virtus hoc una potest dare; fortis omittis
Hoc age Deliciis." *Horace.*
- Ds. DE WINT, (Lat.) On MODERATION.
Frugalitatem, id est, Modestiam, et Temperantiam, maximam,
esse virtutem, judico. *Cicero.*
- Ds. KNOX, & } *Forensic Dispute.* (Engl.) On the QUESTION,
Ds. SEARLE, }
" Whether a lively *Imagination* is conducive to
Happiness?"
- Ds. BARNET, (Engl.) On CHEERFULNESS.
- BENJ. ONDERDONK, M. B. (Engl.) On THE PASSIONS.
" Omnis qui Vitam longam & sanam exoptat, ille sanam, tran-
quillam, et ab omnibus affectibus liberam ac vacuum
mentem habeat, necesse est." *Hoffman.*
- MICHAEL SEBRING, M. B. (Engl.) On PNEUMATICS.
- Mr. MORRIS, (Engl.) On LOVE.
- Mr. LUDLOW, (Lat.) On AN ACTIVE LIFE.
- Mr. DOUGHTY, (Engl.) On DELICACY.

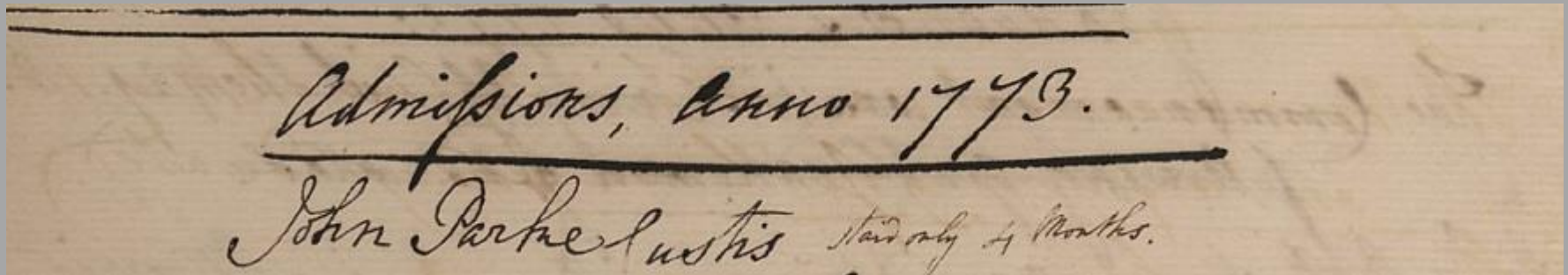
D E G R E E S.

Mr. MOORE, *Valedictory Oration.* On THE EFFECTS OF
AMBITION.

P R A Y E R S.

John Parke Custis Enters King's College

Custis is George Washington's stepson, and Martha Washington's son. He attends King's College for only one semester, and brings an enslaved person from Virginia along with him.



Admissions, Anno 1773.
John Parke Custis *staid only 4 Months.*

A photograph of a handwritten document, likely a college admission record. The text is written in cursive on aged, yellowed paper. The first line, "Admissions, Anno 1773.", is underlined. The second line, "John Parke Custis", is followed by a note in a smaller, lighter script: "staid only 4 Months."

Letter from JPC to Martha Washington

"Joe accompanied Custis to King's [College], where he lived in Custis's suite of rooms in the college. Joe prepared breakfast each morning, while in the evening, Custis dined with the faculty. In a letter to his mother, Martha Washington, Custis described his living situation at King's: 'I have a large parlour with two Studyes or closets, each large enough to contain a bed, trunk and couple of chairs, one I sleep in, & the other Joe calls his, my chamber and parlour are paper'd with a cheap tho very pretty Paper, the other is painted... I generally get up about Six or a little after, dress myself & go to chappel, by the time that Prayers are over Joe has me a little Breakfast to which I sit down very contented... .' "

George Washington to Columbia's President Myles Cooper

"The favourable account you was pleas'd to transmit me of Mr Custis's conduct at College, gave me very great satisfaction...but these hopes are at an end; & at length, I have yielded, contrary to my judgment, & much against my wishes, to his quitting College; in order that he may enter soon into a new scene of Life, which I think he would be much fitter for some years hence, than now; but having his own inclination—the desires of his mother—& the acquiescence of almost all his relatives, to encounter, I did not care, as he is the last of the family, to push my opposition too far; & therefore have submitted to a Kind of necessity."

Alexander Hamilton Entered King's College in 1774

Admissions Anno 1774.

David Clarkson.
Schnayder Lupton.
Jacob Shaw.
John Gaime?
John Whiteker. Left College 2^d Year.
Samuel Deall.
Archie Smith.
Paul Mendall.
John Brickell.
Daniel Moore.
Edward Inwall's Monierieff. Left College 2^d Year.
James Miles. Left the College in the 2^d Year.
James Depeyster.
Fristim Lowther.
Thomas Atwood.
Alexander Hamilton.
Nicholas Romeyn J. M.

As it looked in 1775

“So many of the graduates played important parts on the Continental side in the war and in the establishment of the new nation that it is not easy to think of the college as a hotbed of Toryism. But a majority of the officers and students were loyalist, and the boldest and most outspoken of all was President Myles Cooper, D.C.L., beef-eating Englishman, Oxonian, Churchman, aristocrat, poet, and pamphleteer.”

Milton Hasley Thomas – Curator of Columbiana Collection in the 1950s

As it looked in 1775

Within a week of the Battle of Lexington a very menacing letter appeared in New York addressed to Cooper.

“Executions of villains in effigy will now no longer gratify their resentment. The blood of your unfortunate British and American fellow-subjects, who have already fallen in Massachusetts-Bay calls to Heaven for vengeance against you. The injury you have done to your country cannot admit of a reparation. Fly for your lives, or anticipate your doom by becoming your own executioners.”

“The president took refuge immediately on the British frigate Kingfisher in the harbor, remaining there until things cooled off.

On the night of May 10, 1775 a mob of about four hundred indignant patriots marched on King's College, broke open the gate, and forcibly entered the building in search of the president.”

As it looked in 1775

“The story that Alexander Hamilton kept the mob at bay at the college gate, haranguing them on the impropriety of their conduct, while another student warned Cooper, deserves to be true, whether it happened or not, but it lacks contemporary documentation.”

However, the New York Times reported the story as true on May 10, 1775, the 200th anniversary of the event.

Myles Cooper, President of King's College,
fleeing from the student body.



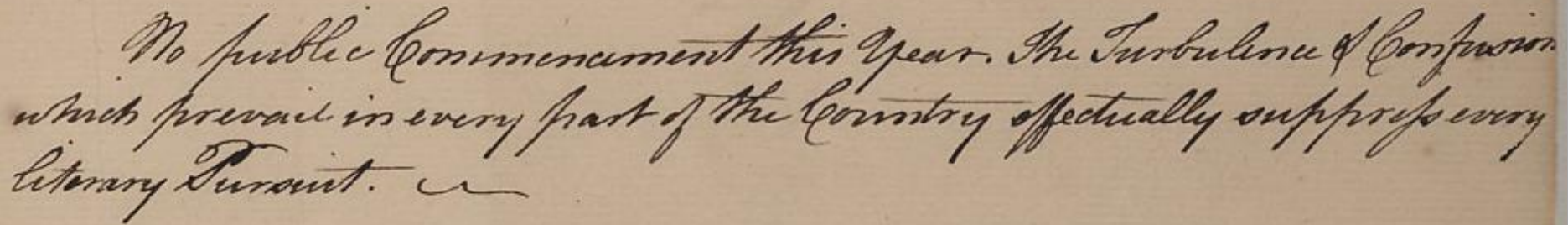
A drawing by Henry Sutter, done in 1949, of the Rev. Myles Cooper's flight

College is Closed in 1776 Turned into a Hospital

Anno 1776. —

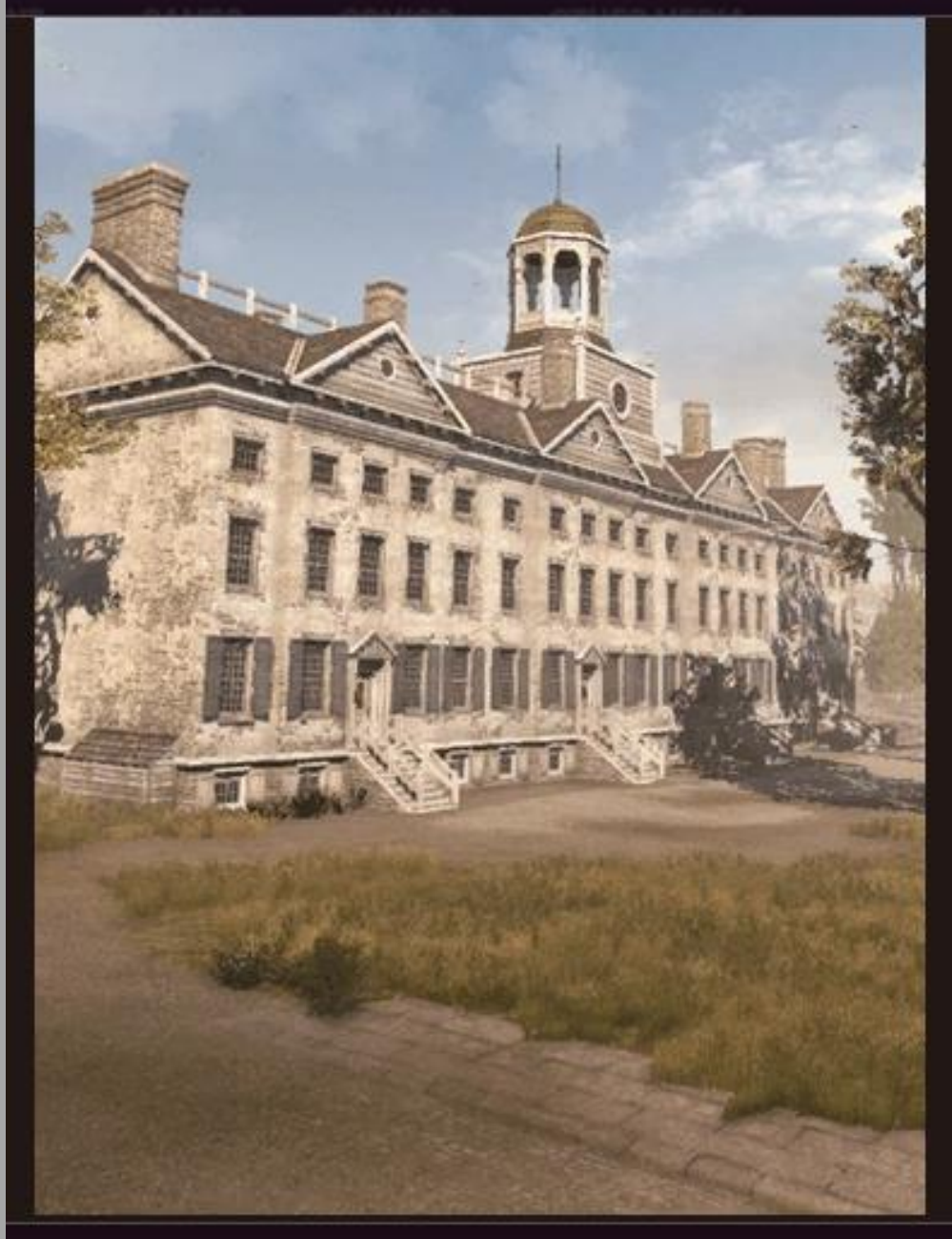
There were no Admissions this Year. On the 6th of April, a Message was sent to the Treasurer of the College, signed Robert Benson, from a Number of Men who stiled themselves the Committee of Safety, desiring the Governors to prepare the College in 8 Days for the Reception of Troops. In Consequence of this Demand, the Students were dispersed, the Library, Apparatus &c were deposited in the City-Hall, & the College was turned into an Hospital. ~~Done~~

College is Closed in 1776 Turned into a Hospital

A handwritten note on a piece of aged, yellowed paper. The text is written in a cursive script and reads: "No public Commencement this Year. The Turbulence & Confusion which prevail in every part of the Country effectually suppress every literary Pursuit." The note is signed with a flourish at the end.

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The trustees of the college met occasionally during the American Revolution, but there were no classes, students or graduations, and all of the books and furniture were sold off.



Depiction of King's College as a military hospital in Assassin's Creed III (2012)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zXmTc6598V8>

As it looked in 1776



Great Fire of 1776 – Arson?



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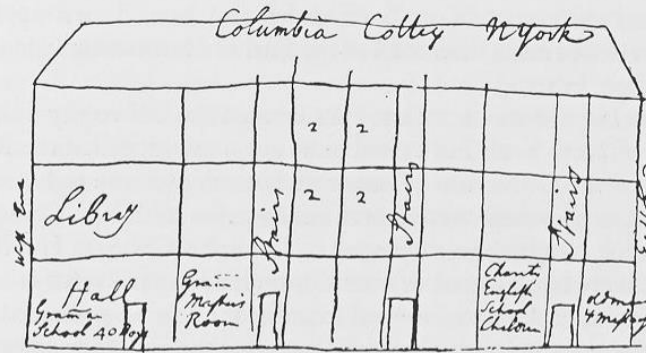


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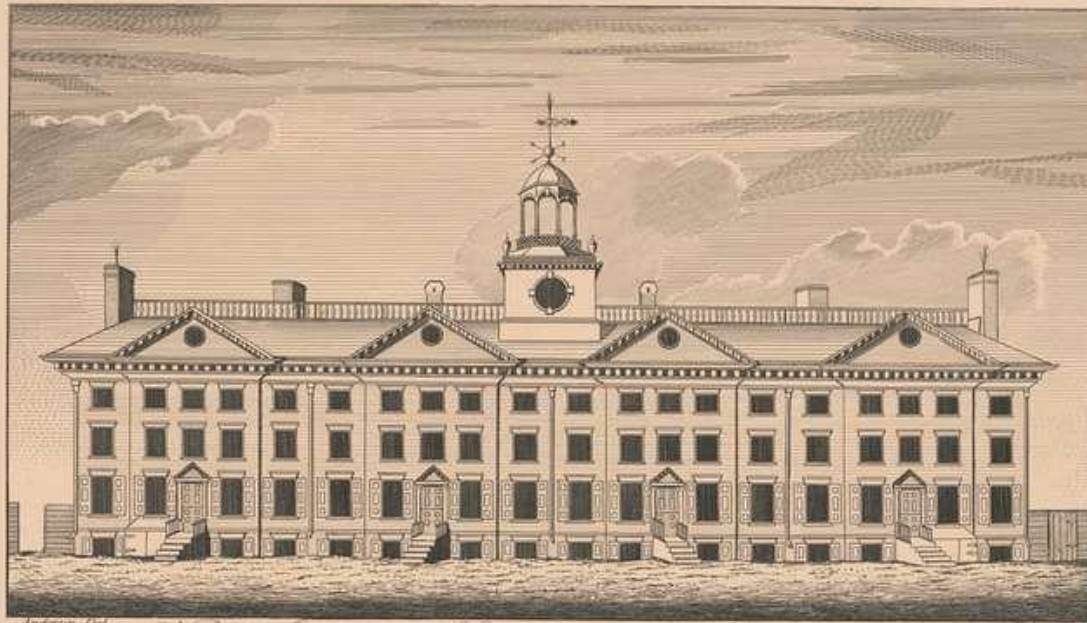
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June 24, 1784 – Ezra Stiles notes in his diary that “the Assembly in N York have reconstituted the College in the city, much accord to its old Constitution, by the Name of Columbia”



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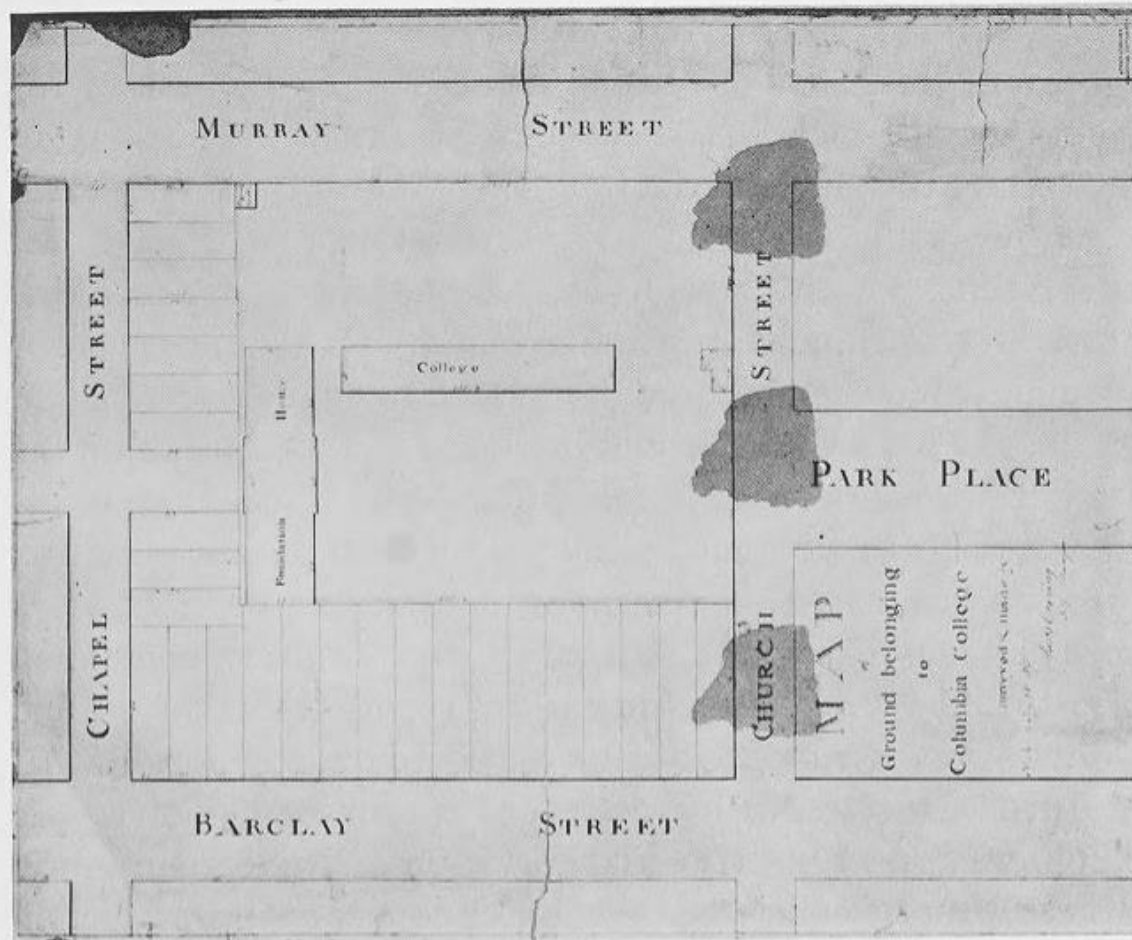


View of Columbia College in the City of New York.

The Society of  Sconophiles
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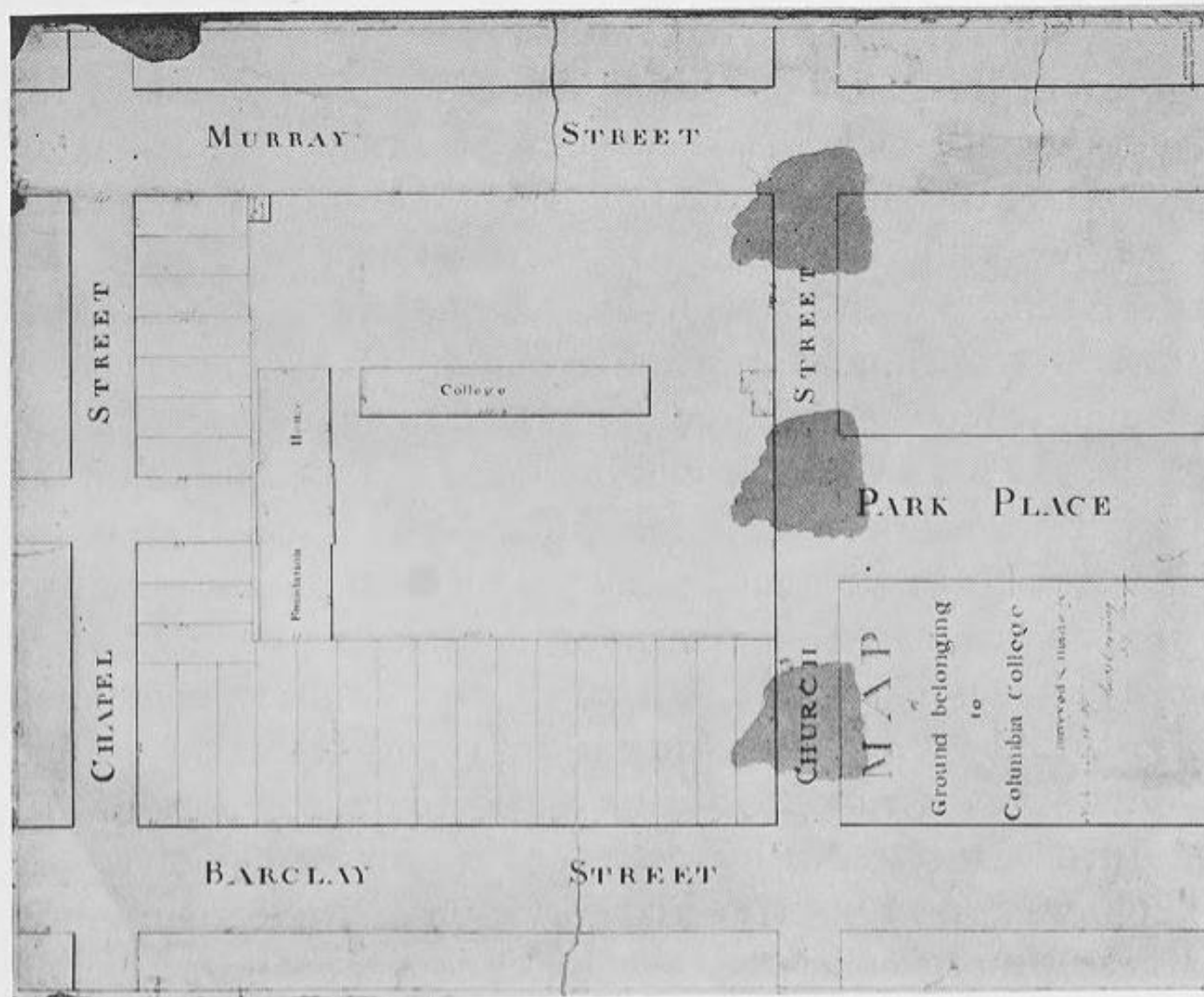
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1790



"MAP OF THE GROUND BELONGING TO COLUMBIA COLLEGE," 1815

Original 1795 to 1806 expansion
 Poor workmanship - crumbled



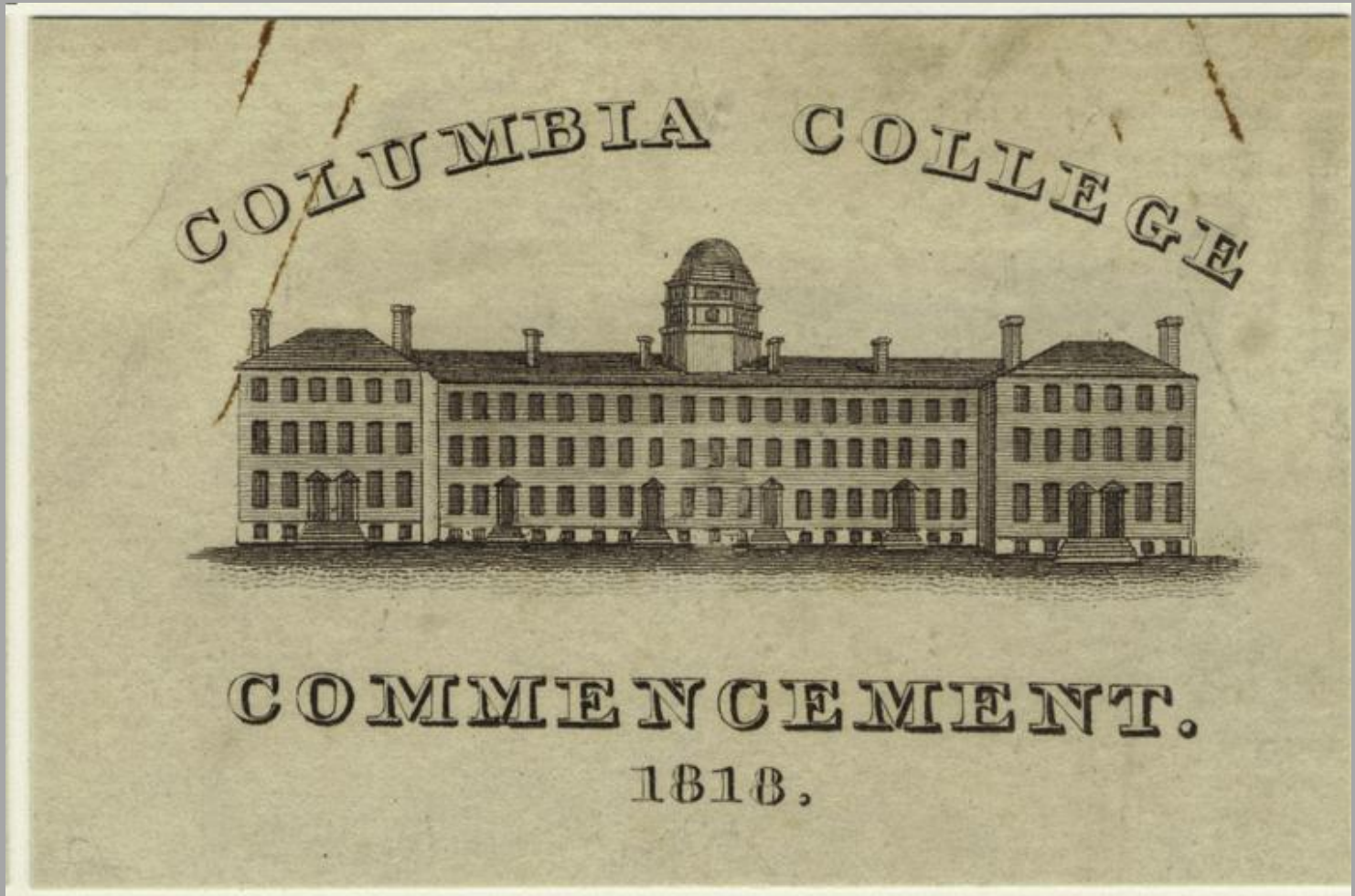
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View from the South



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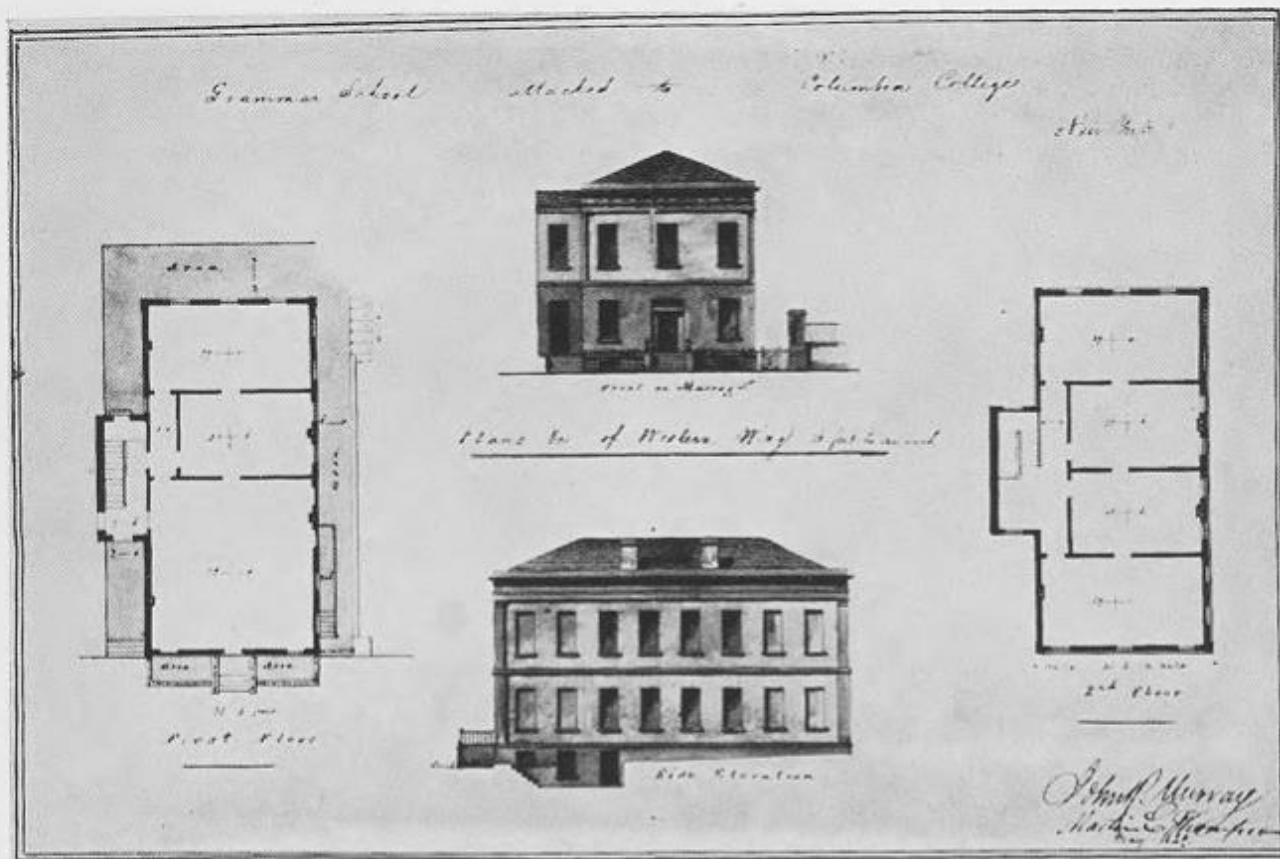
View from the South



Addition of two wings in 1817



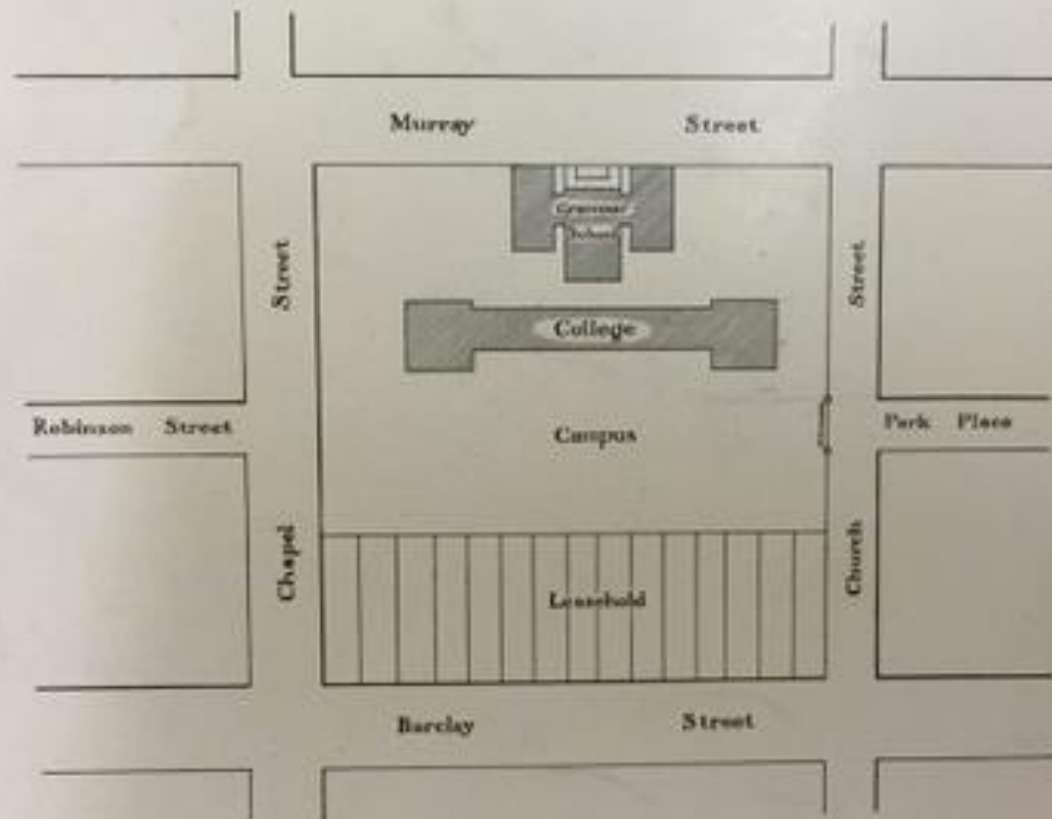
“Contained two houses for professors, and the original structure was to be altered to provide an adequate chapel and library, together with additional classrooms.”



COLUMBIA GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Plans of Martin E. Thompson, architect, May 1829

Wash drawing at Avery Library, Columbia University

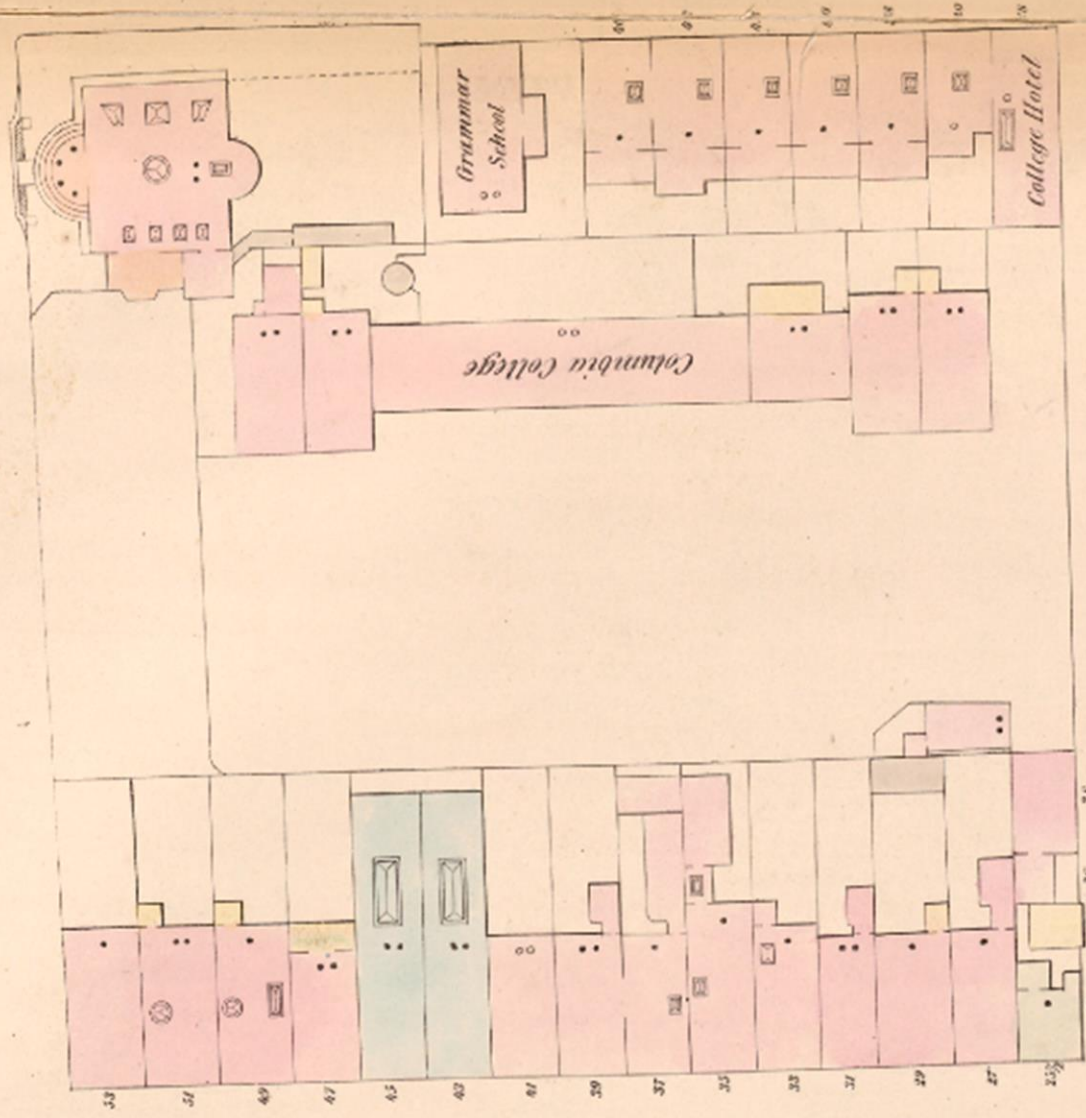


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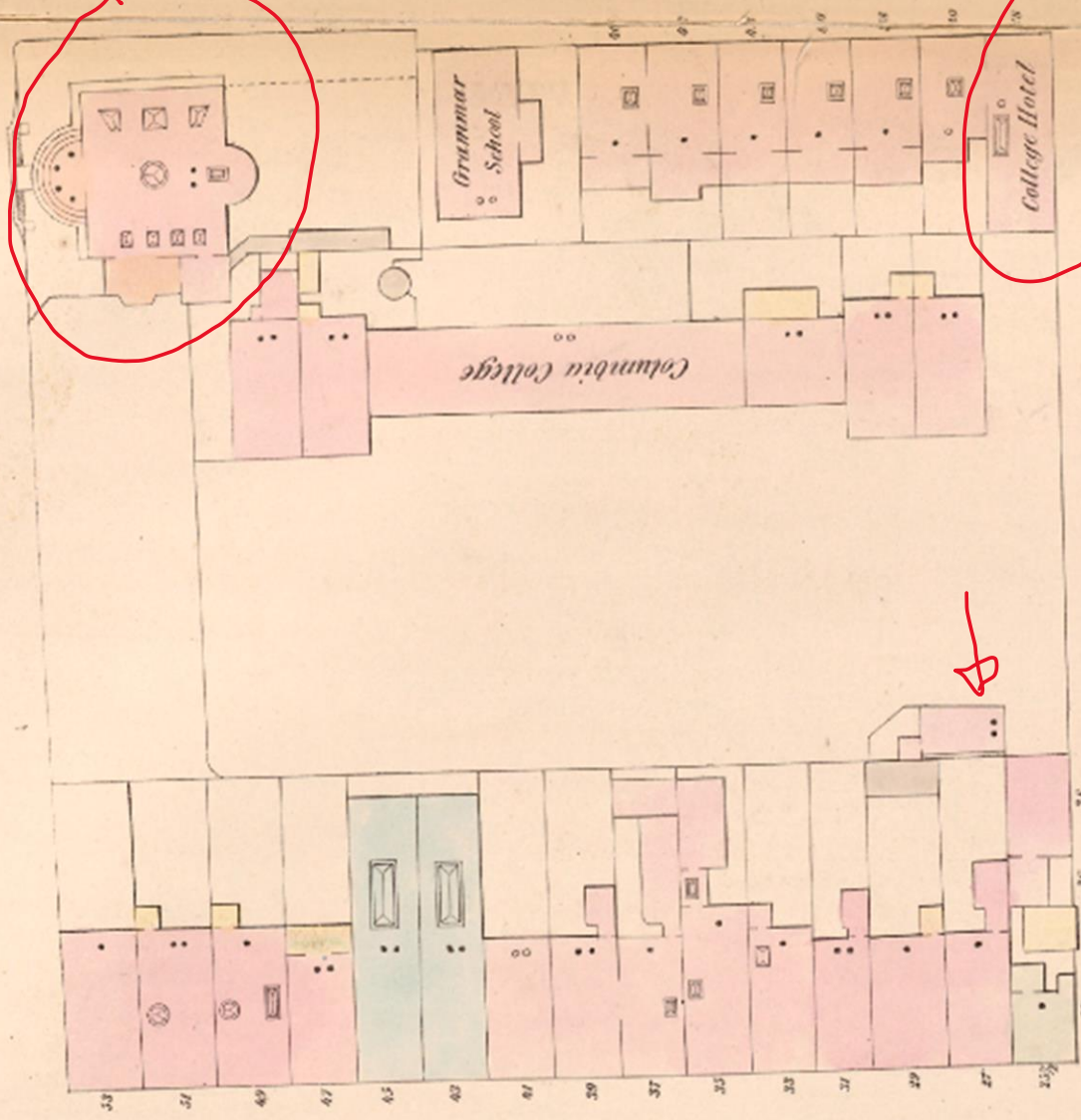


COLLEGE-PLACE

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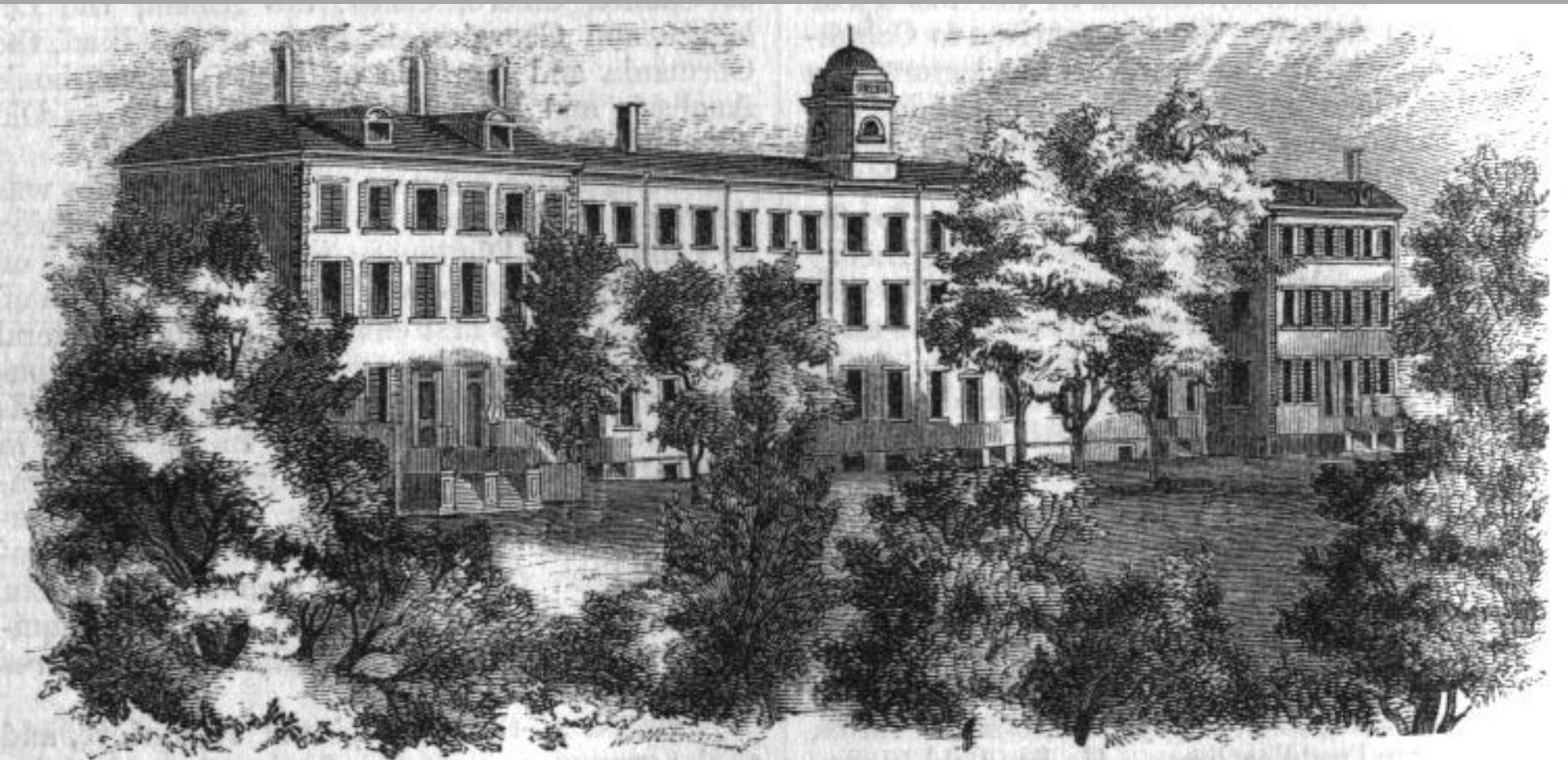
COLUMBIA COLLEGE, MURRAY STREET, 1756 TO 1857
Engraved by Balch, after drawing by Davis, in the New York Mirror, 1828

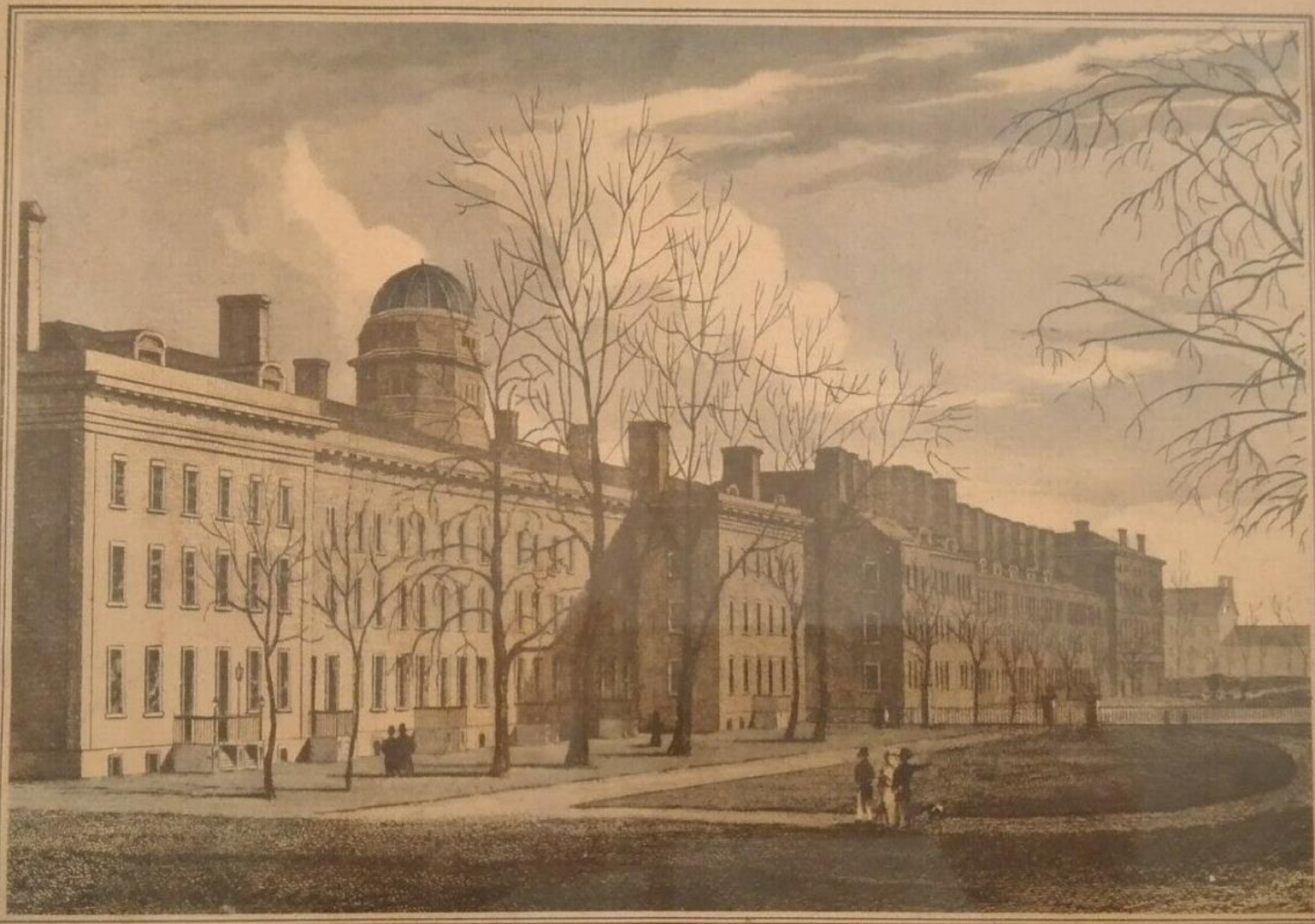
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Print Room, The New York Public Library

"The public rooms consist of a chapel, fifty-six feet by twenty-eight; a library, forty-five by twenty eight, with an anti-room for the accommodation of persons consulting the library; a philosophical and chemical lecture-room, containing also the laboratory; two rooms for the accommodation of the philosophical apparatus; the president's chamber, and four convenient lecture rooms."

Views from the West





COLUMBIA COLLEGE AND COLLEGE GREEN, NEW YORK, 1830

*Founded in 1754, New York's oldest college as it appeared at its first location, near Park Place and Church Street — Central building completed 1760 —
Wings added 1817-1820 — School moved to Madison Avenue and 49th Street in 1847, and to Morningside Heights in 1897.*

Alexander Jackson Davis - 1831



Engraved by J.C. Davis.

Designed by A.J. Davis & by
Thomas Jones & Co.

COLUMBIA COLLEGE.

London: Published May 1831, by T. Agnew & Sons, 10, St. Martin's Lane.

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COLUMBIA COLLEGE.

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1852

OLD COLLEGE SYCAMORE SCHOTTISCH.

HARVY B. DODWORTH.

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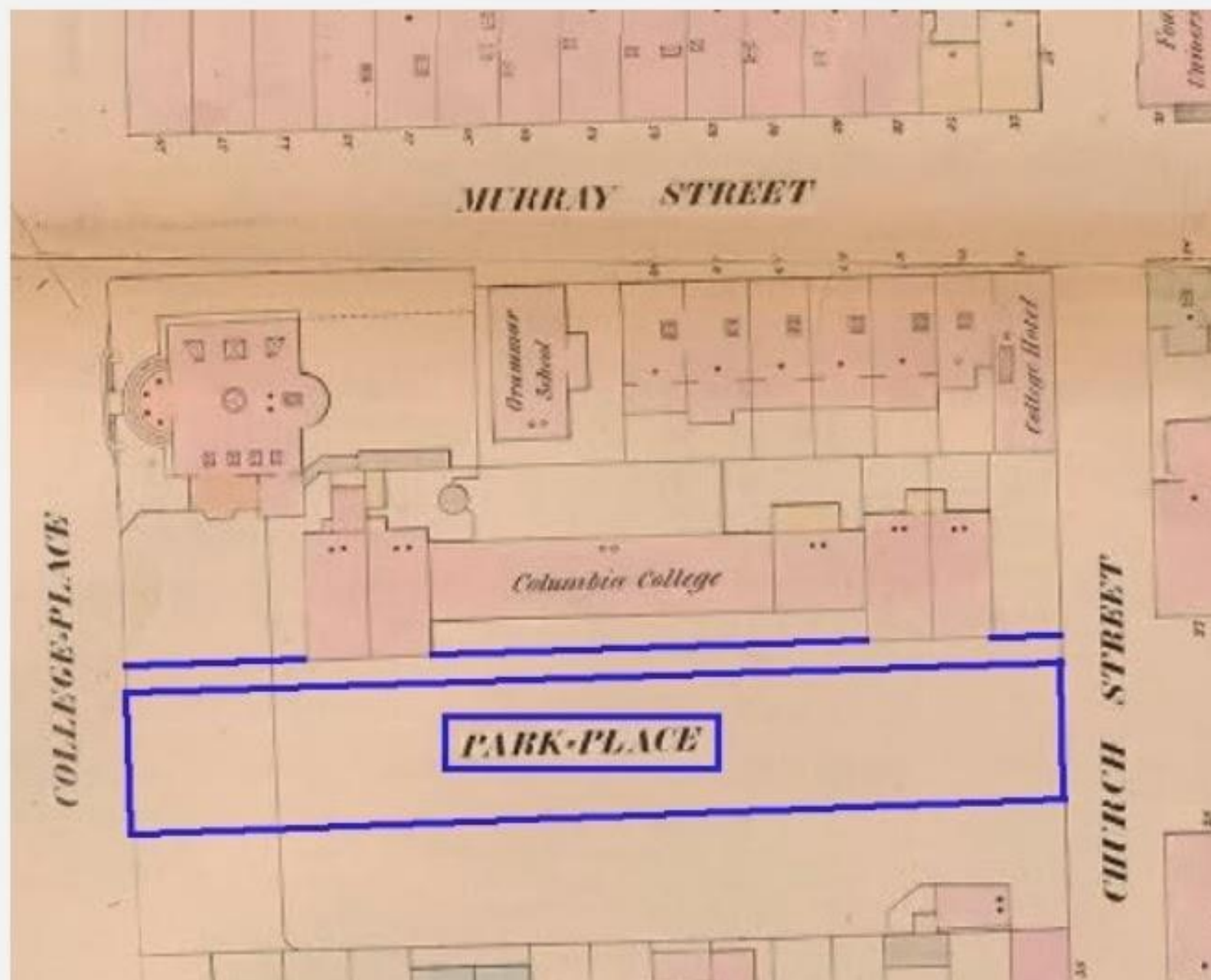
1855-1857

Negative by J. B. Walker.



“Therefore, when the city announced its intention in January 1855 of extending Park Place through the college grounds, no objection was made; the college was assessed \$170,000 for opening the street, but the city immediately paid \$200,000 for the damage Columbia had sustained.”

1852:



Views from the East



JOHN C. COOK,
NEW YORK, 1879.

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1825



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1831

Alexander Jackson Davis



PARK PLACE FROM BROADWAY LOOKING WEST TO THE HUDSON, 1831



COLUMBIA COLLEGE.

Founded in 1754.

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COLUMBIA COLLEGE.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13TH, 1887.

The procession will move from the College Green at ten o'clock, A. M., and pass through Park Place, Broadway, Chamber and Hudson streets, to St. John's Chapel in the following

ORDER.

- Janitor of the College.
- Students of Arts.
- Honorary Members of the Philolexian Society.
- Honorary Members of the Peithologian Society.
- Members of the Alpha-Delta-Phi Society.
- Students of the General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church.
- Principals of Public Schools and Academies.
- Teachers of the Grammar School of Columbia College.
- Alumni of the College.
- Faculty of Arts of the College.
- The President.
- Trustees of the College.
- Governor and Lieutenant-Governor of the State.
- Members of the House of Assembly of the State of New-York.
- Members of the Senate of the State of New-York.

50 years of Columbia College as an independent college – since 1787

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ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT
OF
COLUMBIA COLLEGE,

Tuesday, October 2d, 1838.

The Procession will move from the College Green precisely at half past nine o'clock A. M. and pass through Park Place and Broadway to Trinity Church, in the following

ORDER:

Janitor of the College.

Students of Arts.

Candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

Former Graduates. { Bachelors of Arts.
Candidates for the degree of Master of Arts.
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Lieutenant Governor.

Members of the State Legislature.

Mayors of the Cities of New-York and Brooklyn.

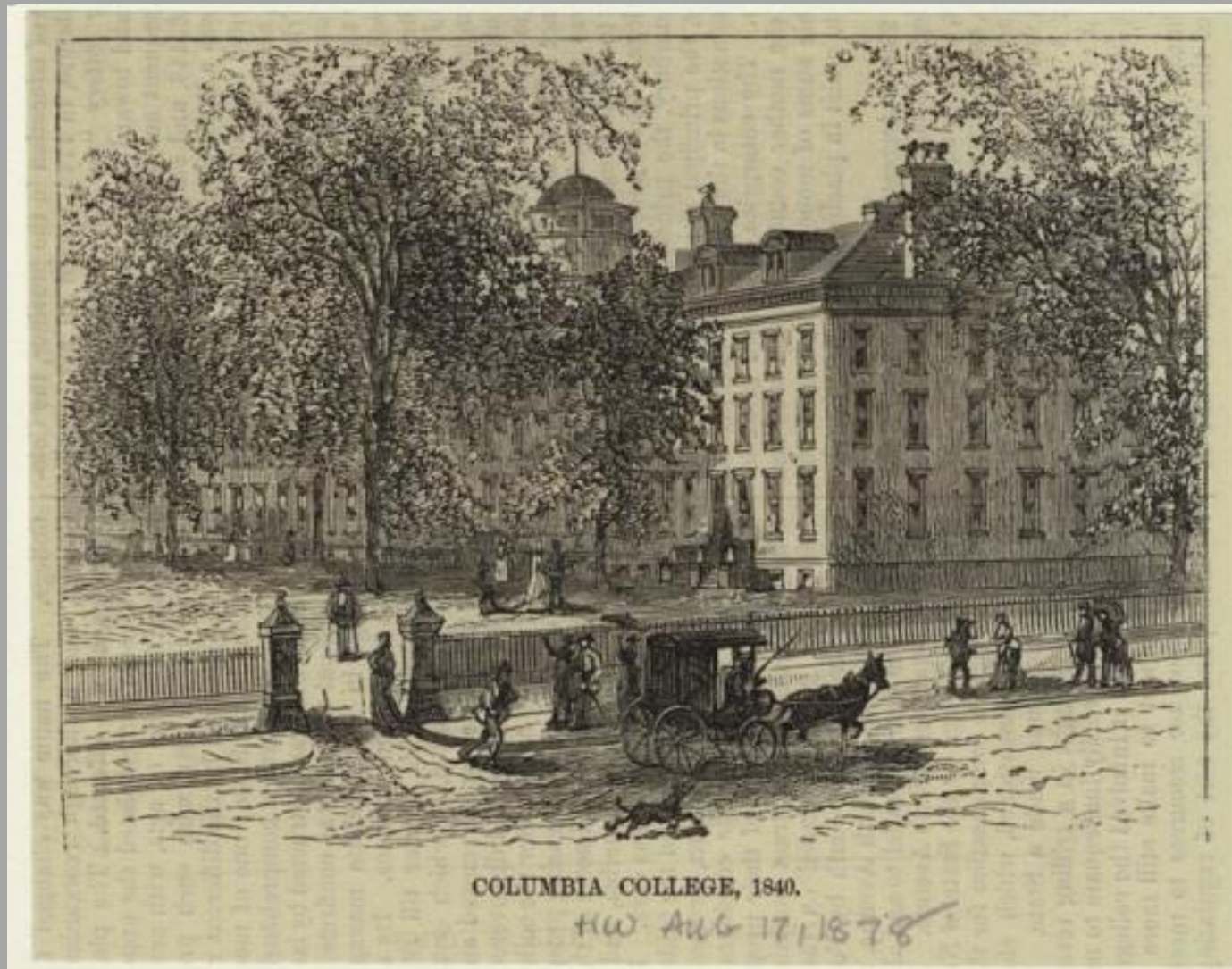
Regents of the University.

1840



COLUMBIA COLLEGE AS IT WAS IN 1840.

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1850



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COLUMBIA COLLEGE IN 1850

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Columbia College.

1853

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1854 (Though labeled 1845)





Photographed by President N. F. Moore, 1854.
Given by him to Dr W. H. Walker, College Organ-
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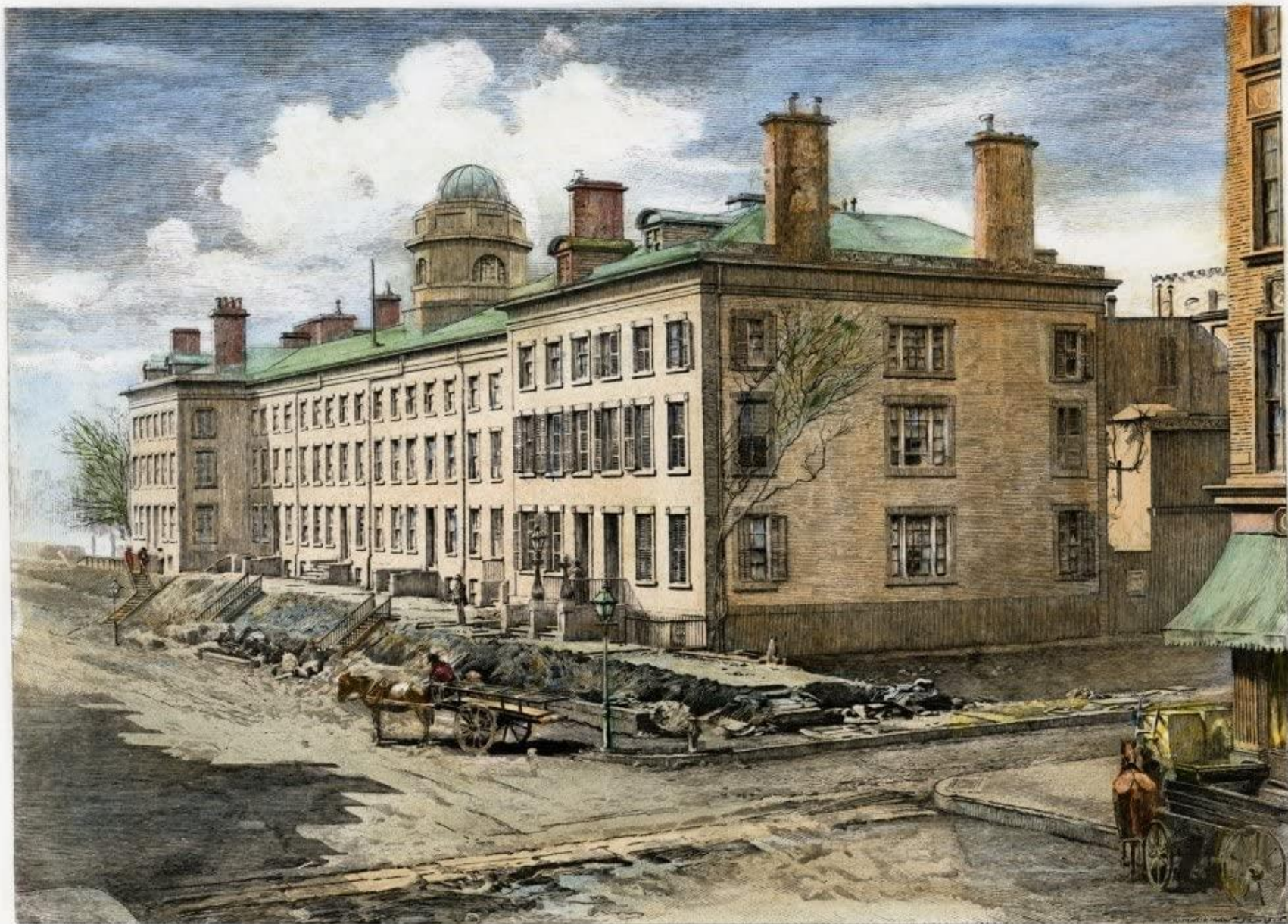






VIEW OF OLD COLUMBIA COLLEGE, NEW YORK.

Engraved by L. E. Walker.



ENGRAVED BY W. M. AIKMAN

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KING'S COLLEGE 1756-1784 - COLUMBIA COLLEGE 1784-1857





Park Place and Church Street – Northwest Corner

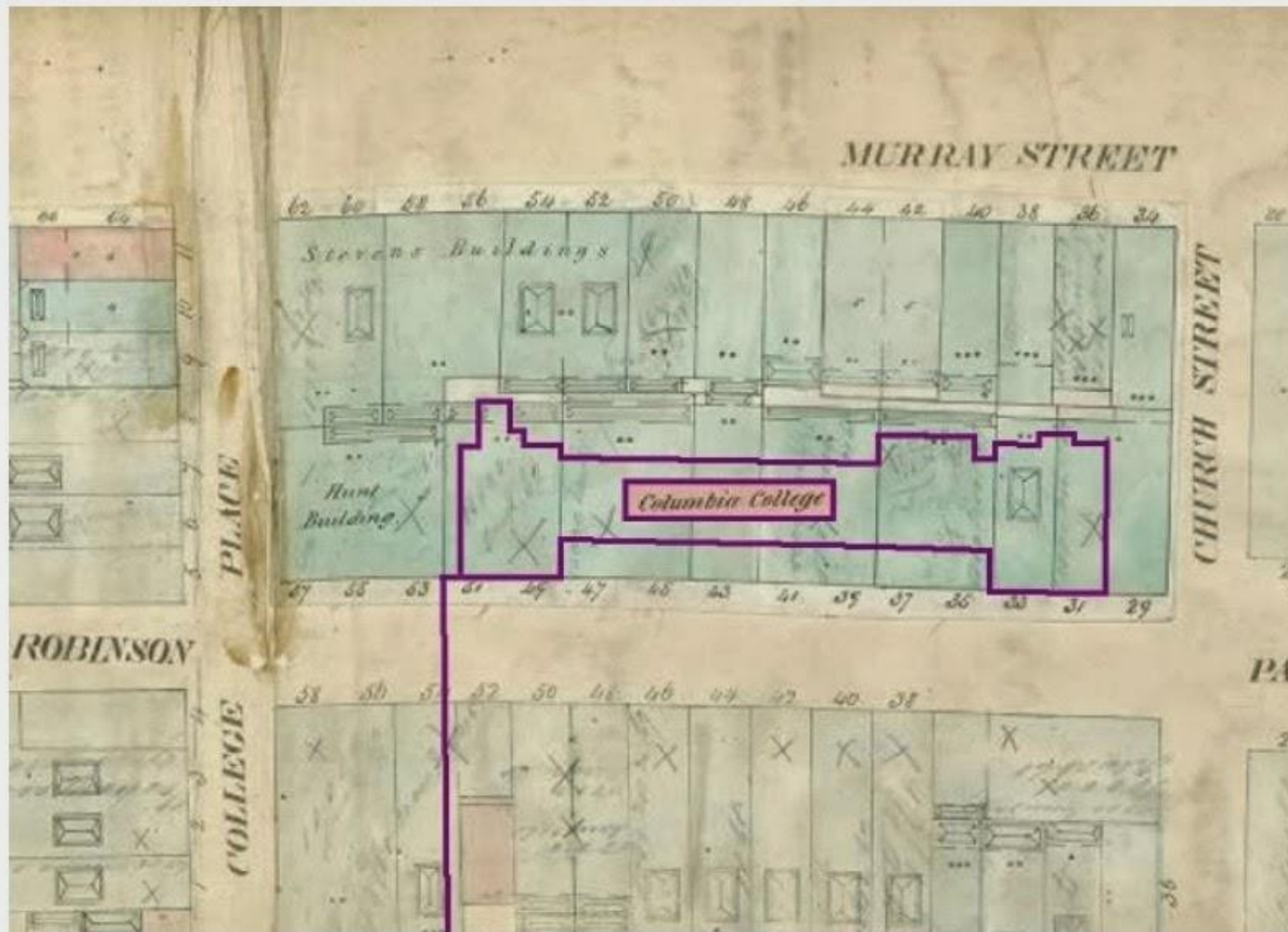
From the North?



VIEW OF MURRAY STREET N.Y. WITH DEWITT'S CHURCH 1822.

The Engraving is indebted to Isaac S. Platt for the view.

1865:



Now I think we have to get a shovel ...




“This crown adorned the weathervane of the King's College building. Samuel Raymond (A.B. 1816) in his address, The Political Duties of Scholars, delivered before the alumni 7 October 1840, refers to the “iron crown” and states in a footnote that it was ‘removed but a few years since.’ It is probable that this symbol of royalty went unnoticed when the various Hanoverian emblems and street-names were expunged from New York subsequent to the Revolution, and that the crown was not taken down until the reconstruction of the college building in 1817-20. During the later years of Columbia at Forty-ninth Street the crown was displayed over the entrance to the reading room of the new library; it now hangs over the mantel in the Trustees Room, Low Memorial Library in Morningside Heights.”

Hujus COLLEGII REGALIS dicti. Regio Diplomatice
constituti in honorem DEI OMNIPOTENTIS
Ecclesie Reipublicae Emolumentum pri-
mum hunc Lapidem posuit Vir praestanti-
ssimus CAROLUS HARDY Eques Auratus
huius Provinciae Praefectus dignissimus Aug.
die 23. An. Dom. MDCCCLVI.

“Laid 23 August 1756 by Sir Charles Hardy.
Recovered in May 1857 when the building was
being razed, and set on the inside of the east wall
of the chapel room at 49th Street. Removed to
the fireplace mantel of the Trustees Room, Low
Memorial Library, Morningside, in 1897.
Apparently there was some confusion as to the
Latin rendering of the college name, regnum
being carved first, then altered to regalis.”

M. S.
WILLIAM SAMUEL JOHNSON, LL.D.
Son of Samuel Johnson, D.D.,
and Charity Floyd, his wife.
First President of Columbia College, New York.
Representative for Connecticut
in
The Continental Congress,
The Constitutional Convention,
and
The First Senate of the United States.
Born at Stratford, Connecticut, October 7th, 1727,
and there died November 14th, 1819.
Interred in the Johnson Family Vault.



PLACED BY THE TRUSTEES OF
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
TO MARK THE GRAVE OF
CHARLES H. WHARTON
PRESIDENT OF COLUMBIA COLLEGE
FROM MAY 25TH TO DEC. 11, 1801.



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TO MARK THE GRAVE OF
WILLIAM ALEXANDER DUER
PRESIDENT OF COLUMBIA COLLEGE
FROM 1829 TO 1842.

RUFUS KING

ELIZA GRACE

DIED

OCTOBER 13TH 1876

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FROM 1849 TO 1863



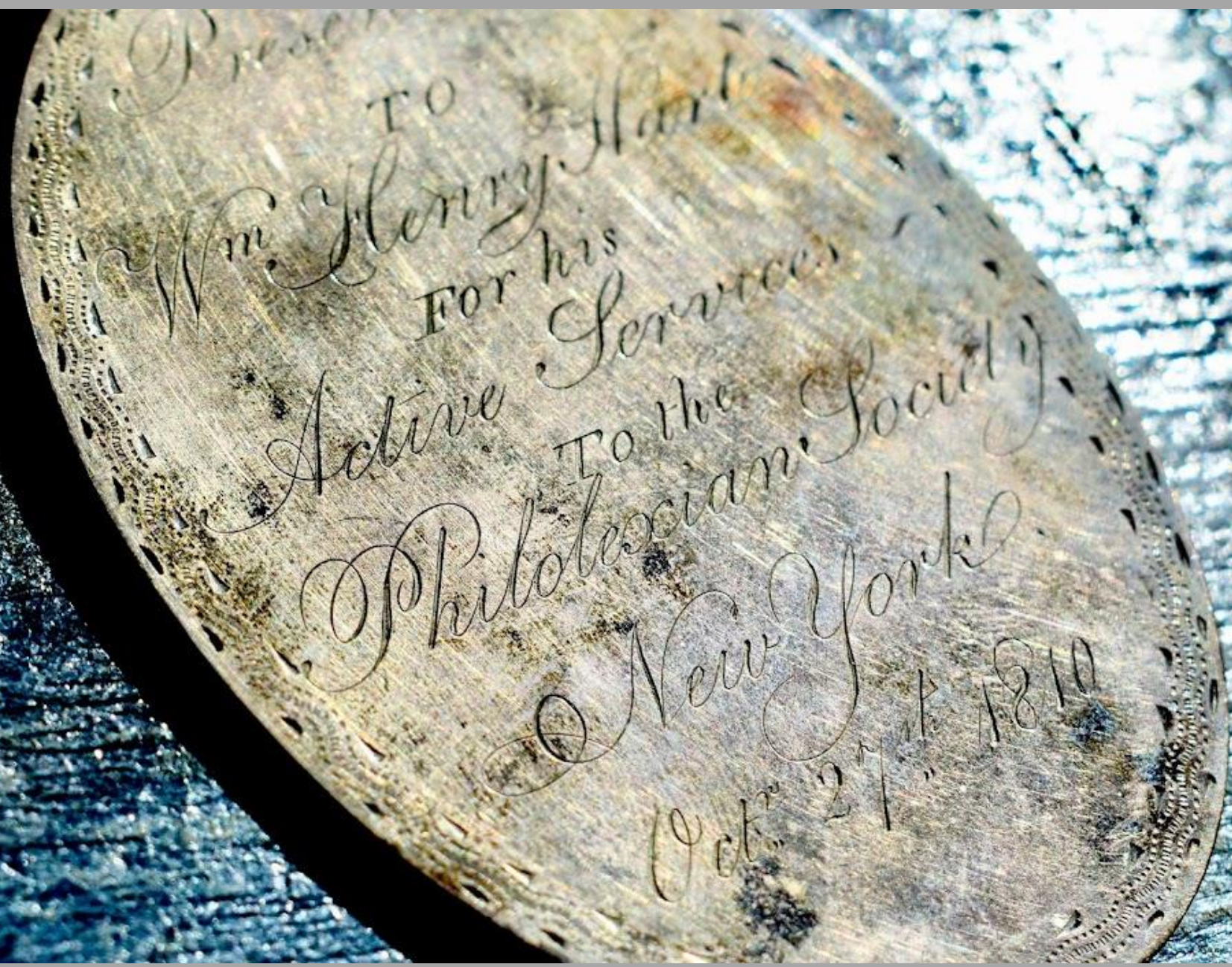






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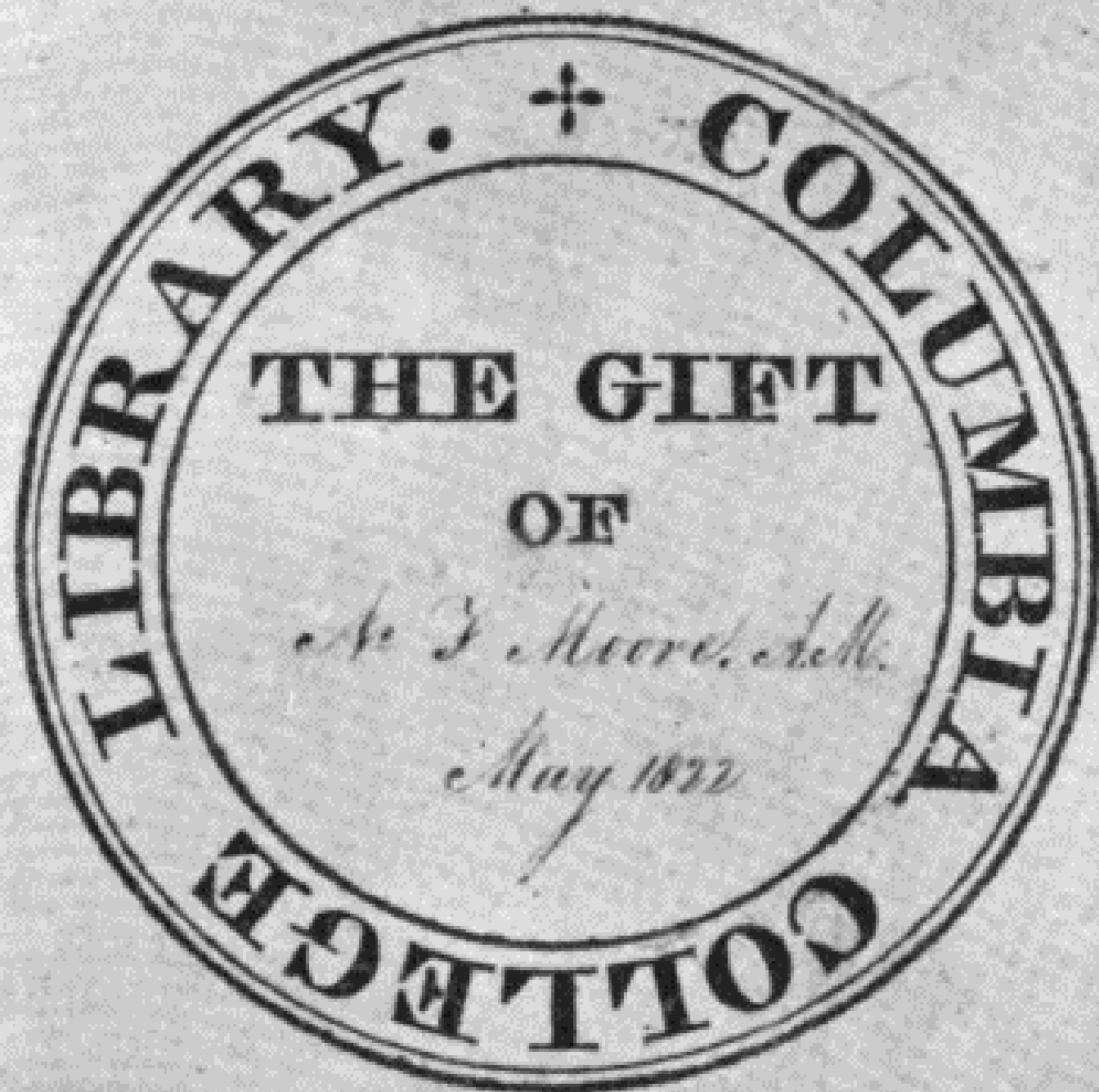
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New York

Oct. 27th 1810







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THE GIFT

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Mr J. Moore. M.A.

May 1822

COLLEGE



Doodles from the college notebooks of Geroqe Templeton Strong circa 1838

IN HONOR OF THE LENAPE PEOPLE

The Lenape lived here before and during colonization of the Americas. This plaque recognizes these indigenous people of Manhattan, their displacement, dispossession, and continued presence. It stands as a reminder to reflect on our past as we contemplate our way forward.



COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

Other resources for visualizing New York City:

<https://1940s.nyc/>

<https://www.oldnyc.org/>

<https://www.savingny.com/appendixs5.html>

<https://daytoninmanhattan.blogspot.com/>

How do we visualize NYC buildings/structures that are long gone? Can technology/AI aid in that process?

Panorama of New York City – Queens Museum

Originally created for the 1964 World's Fair



Columbia College – Midtown Campus 1857-1896

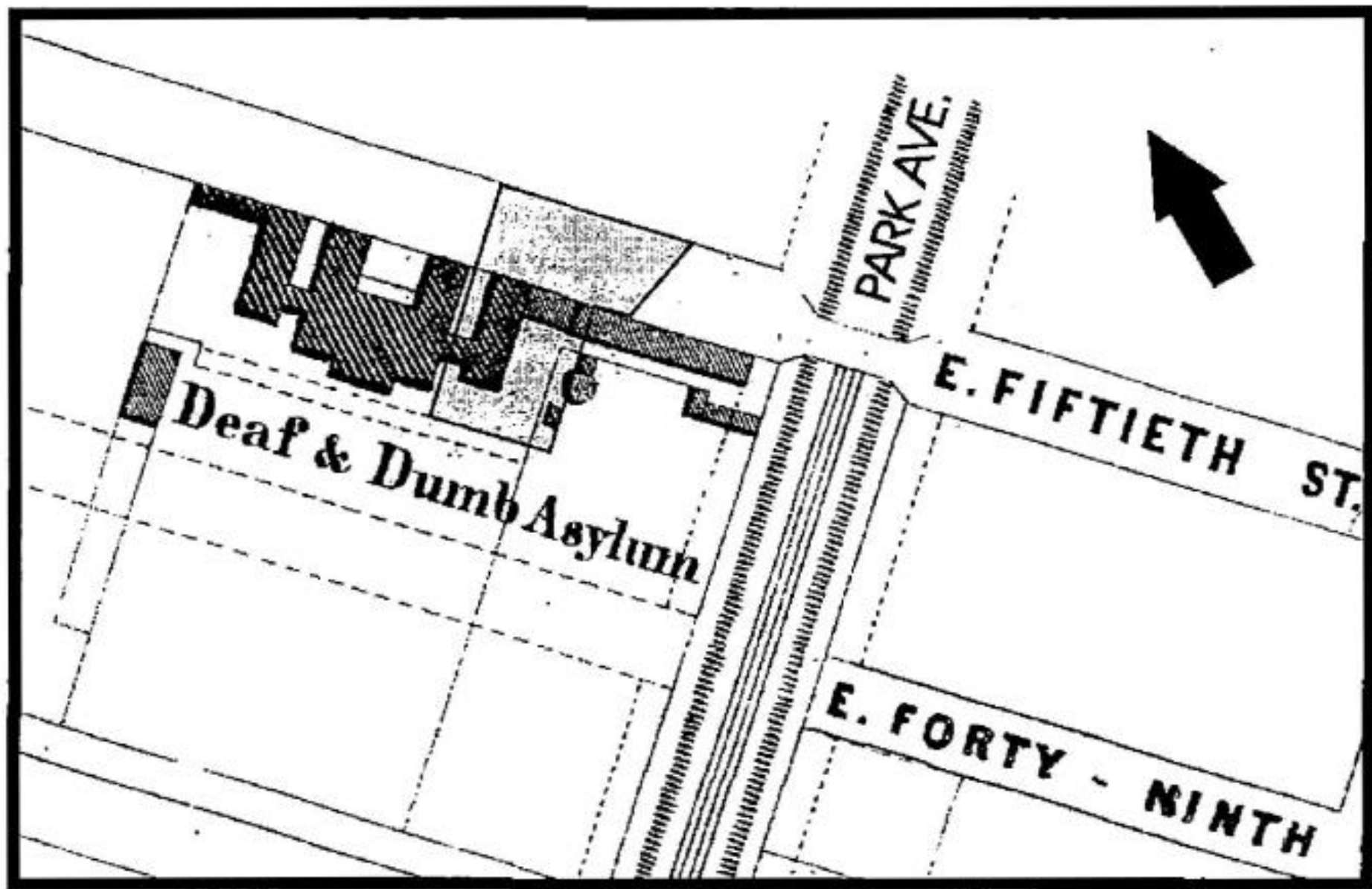


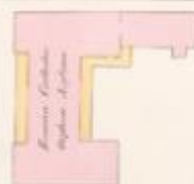
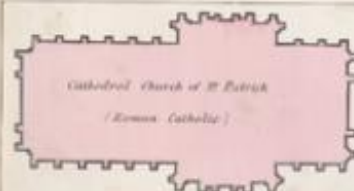
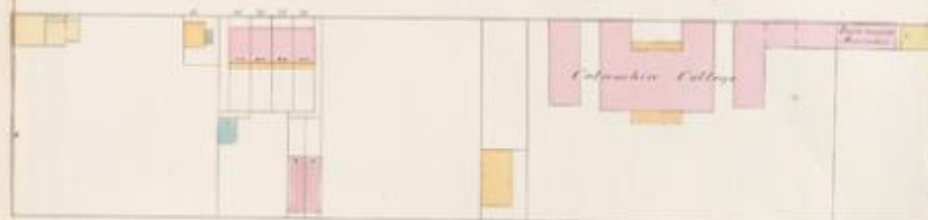
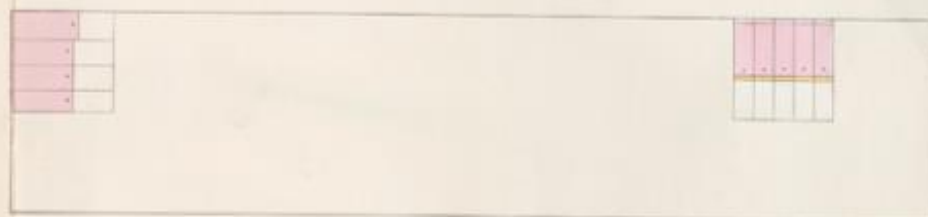




New York Institute for the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb which was located at the site before Columbia starting in 1827. The depicted building was used by Columbia until at least the 1870s or 1880s at which point it was demolished.





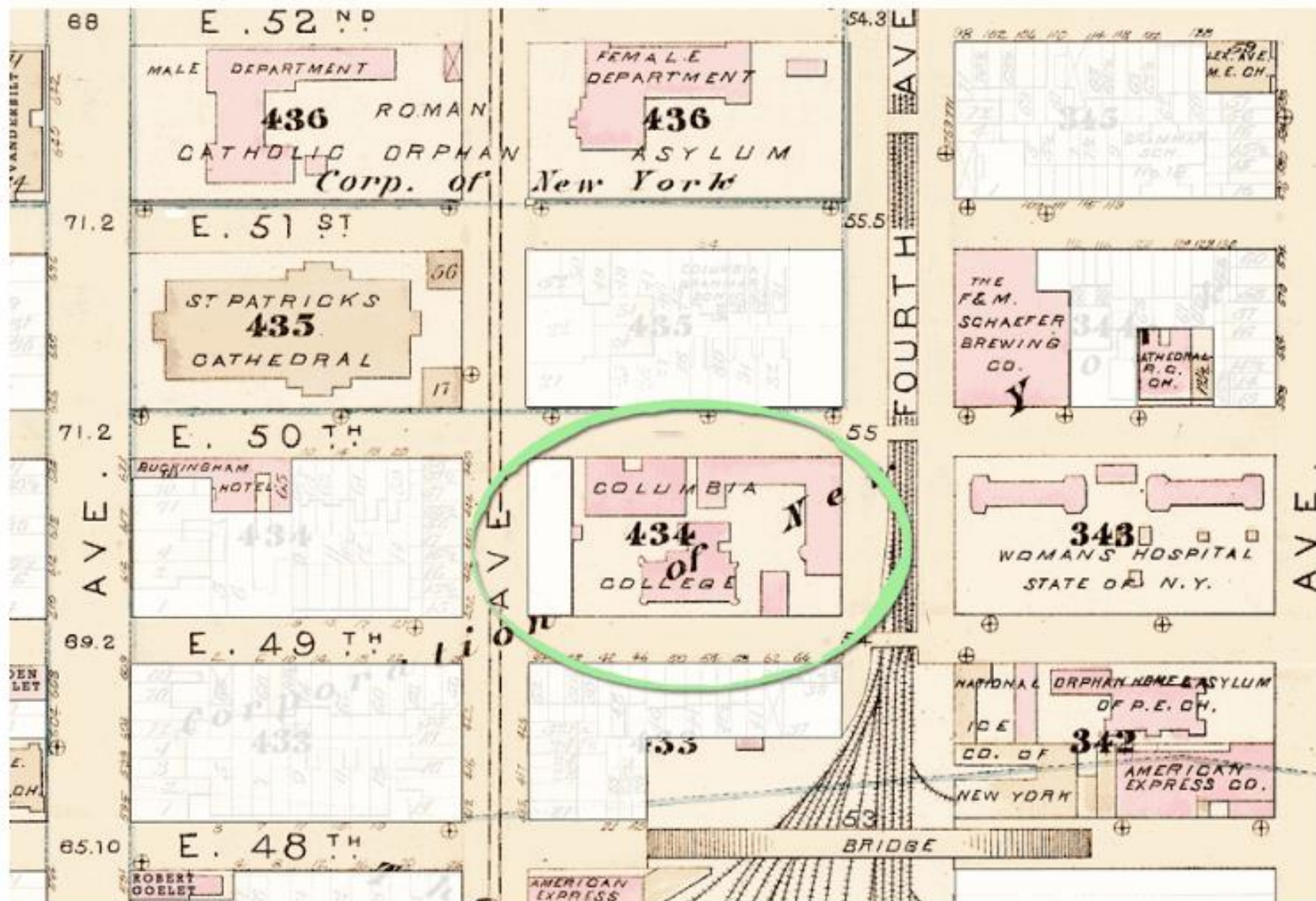
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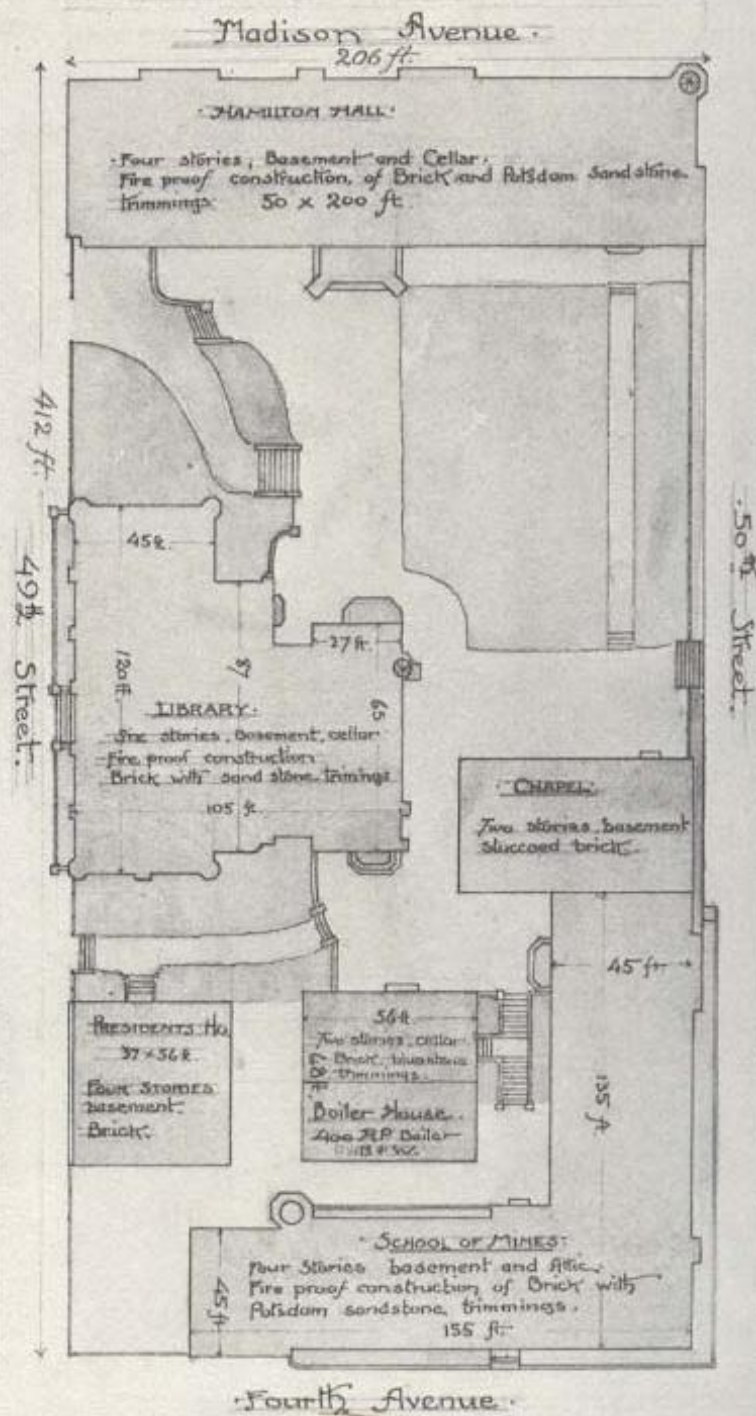
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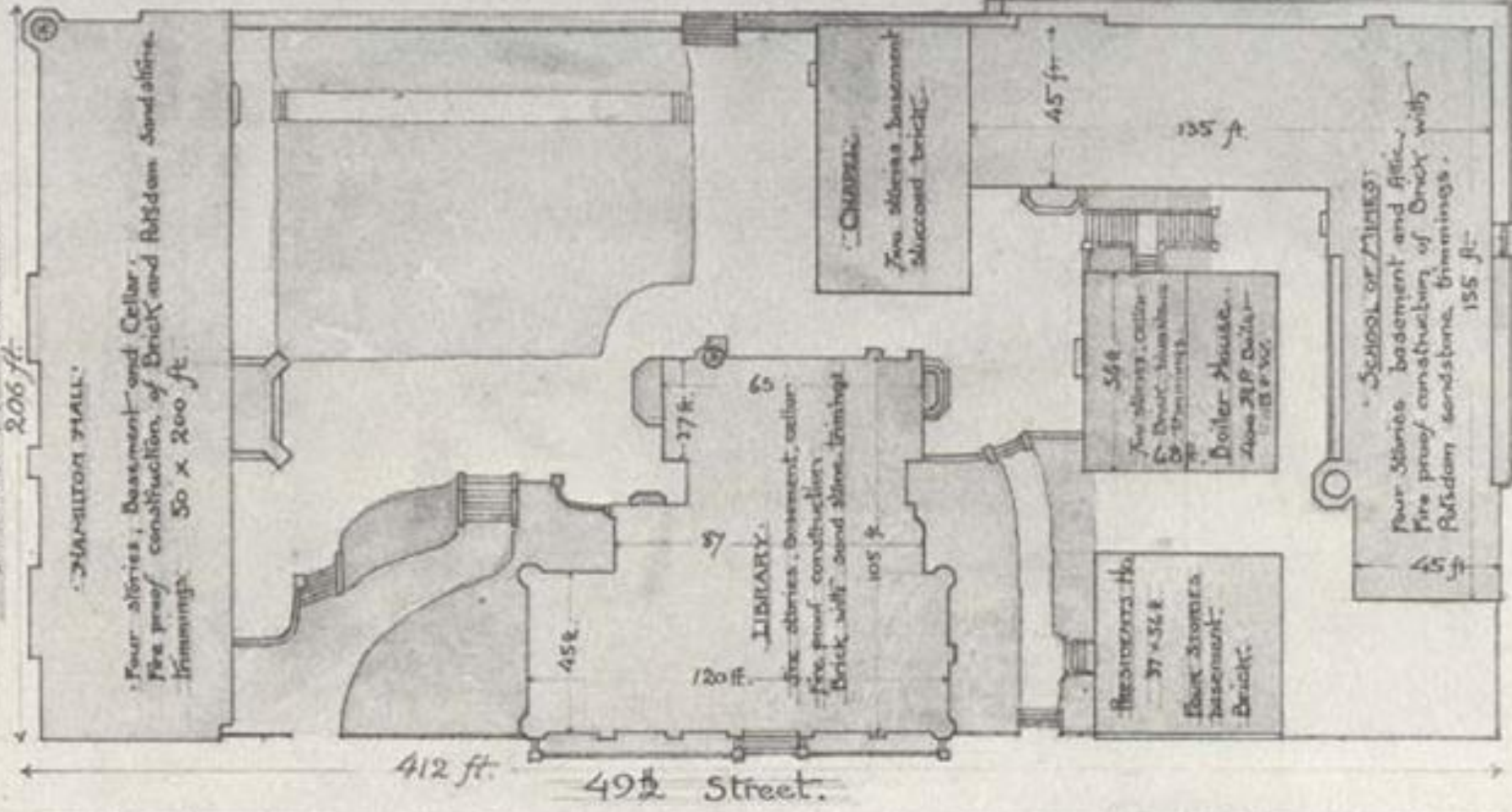




Madison Avenue.

206 ft.

50th Street.



Fourth Avenue.



View of 49th Street

“The new location of the College is a delightful one ... The old Asylum buildings have been altered somewhat, repaired, and greatly improved. The two wings have been separated from the main building. The east wing is occupied by the Chapel and the extensive Library of the College; the center [U-shaped [structure] for the recitation rooms and the residence of President King; and the west wing for the residence of some of the College Professors. A beautiful lawn slopes from the College southward down to 49th Street, and is ornamented by some fine old trees. This will be for the present the main entrance to the College, but as soon as the more extensive grounds northward to 50th Street can be graded, laid out, and properly embellished, the principal entrance will be in that direction. The site is on a commanding eminence, affording an extensive and pleasant view.”

Stokes, 1869 – Evening Post May 11, 1857

“That part of the city is still quite new, and the hand of improvement is visible in all directions. 'Potters Field' is within a stone's throw, and we are sorry to say the ends of rows of coffins, filled with the bones of the unknown dead, are still to be seen protruding from the bank of earth left by the cutting through of the Fourth Avenue. The College will probably remain in its present location only six or eight years, or until the new College buildings to be erected by the Trustees shall be completed.”



COLUMBIA COLLEGE.
Fiftieth street, between Fourth and Fifth avenues.

This picture is taken from 49th Street though Columbia College seems to have used 50th street as their official location during this period.



Columbia College,

(FOUNDED IN 1754.)

Fiftieth street, between Fourth and Fifth avenues.

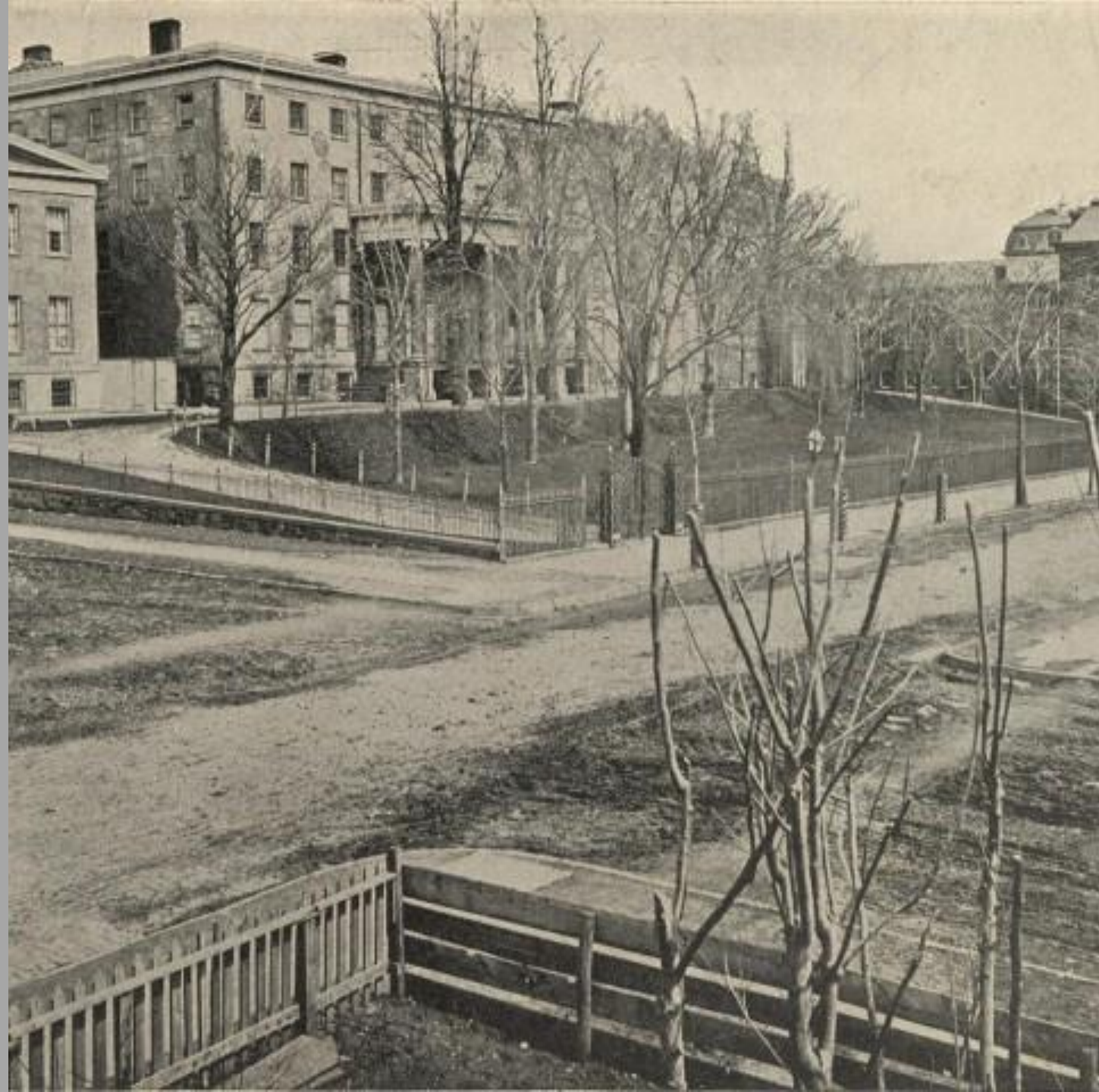
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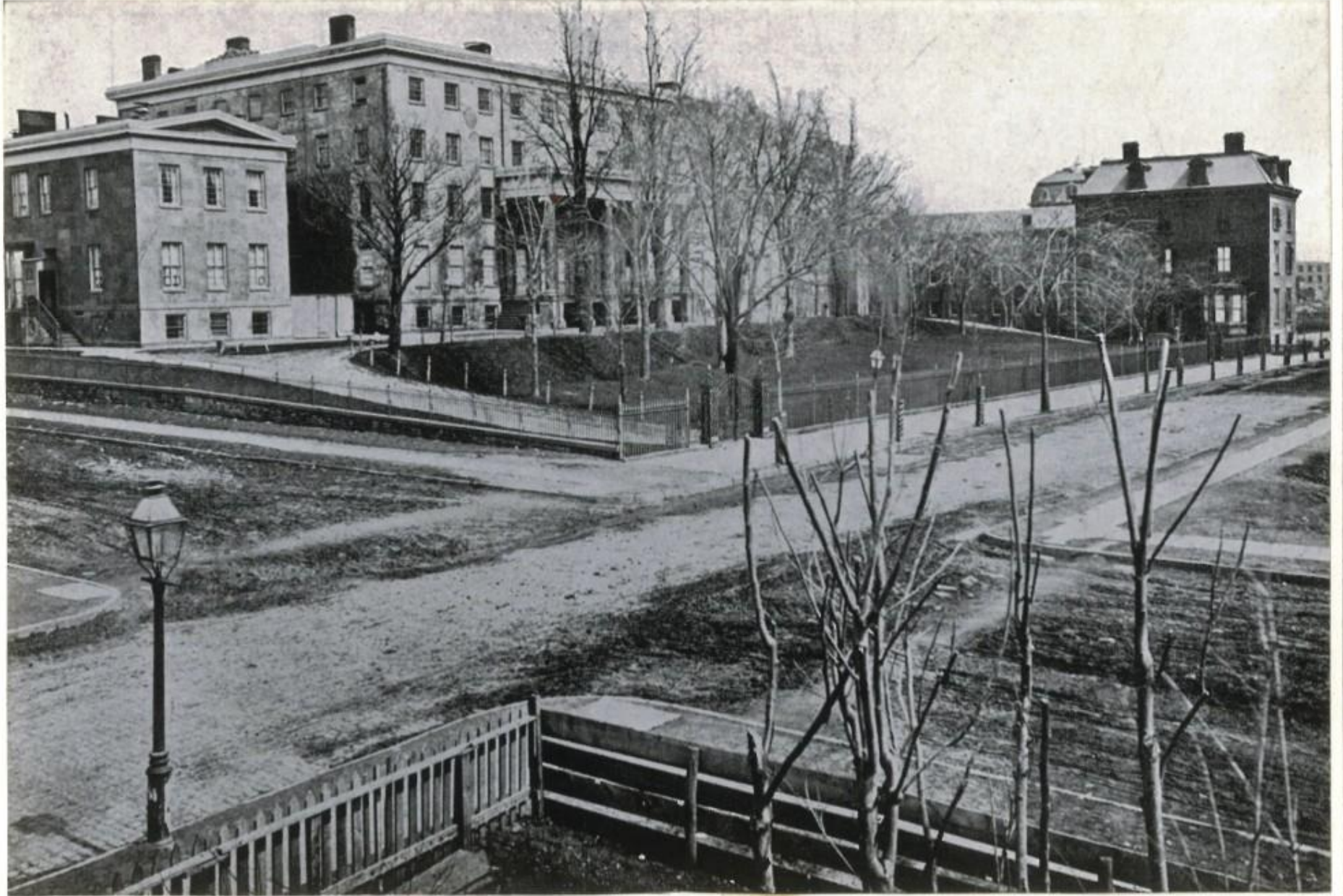


COLUMBIA COLLEGE, N.Y.



COLUMBIA COLLEGE, 1878.



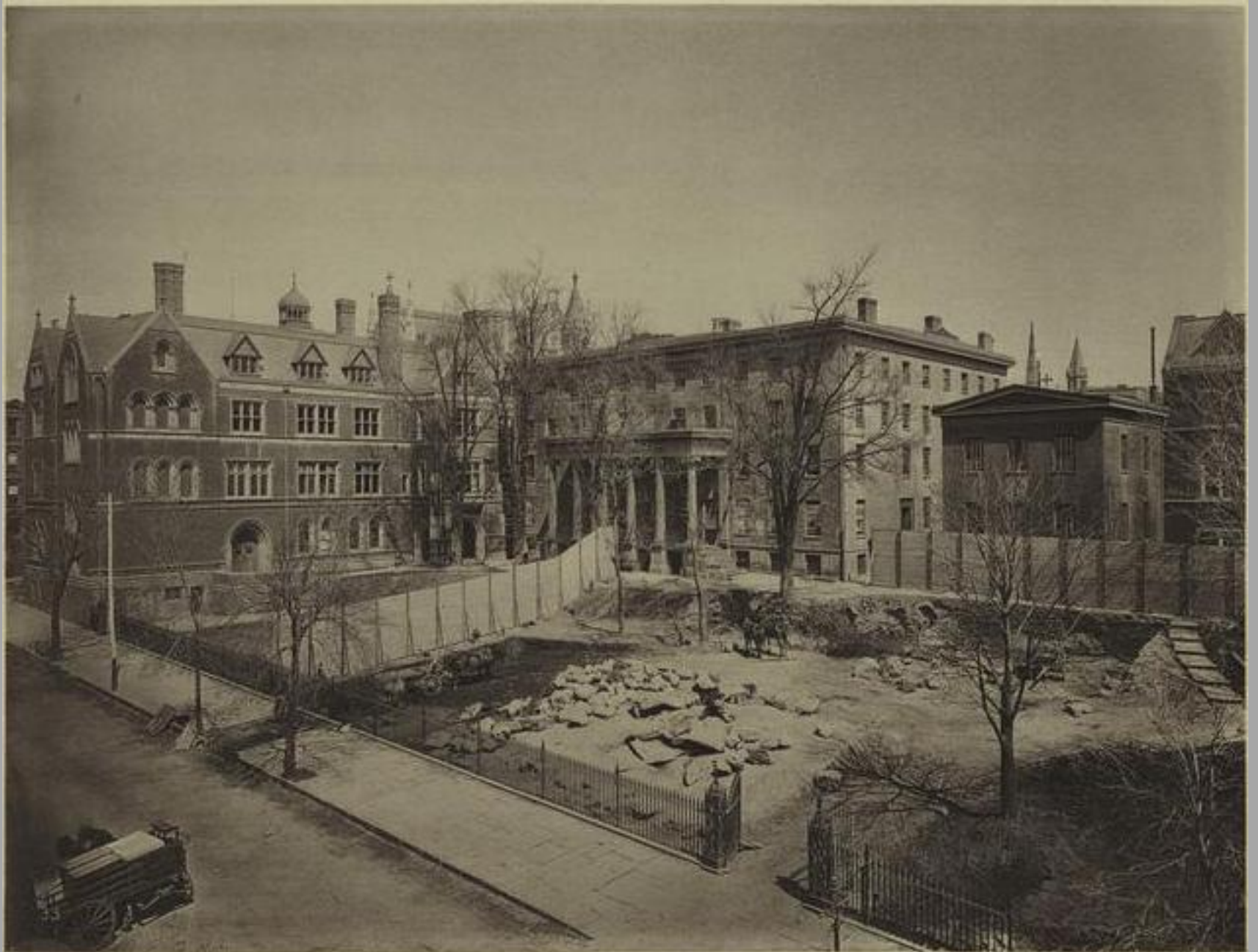


Note President's House in Background
This is then somewhere between 1862 and 1878

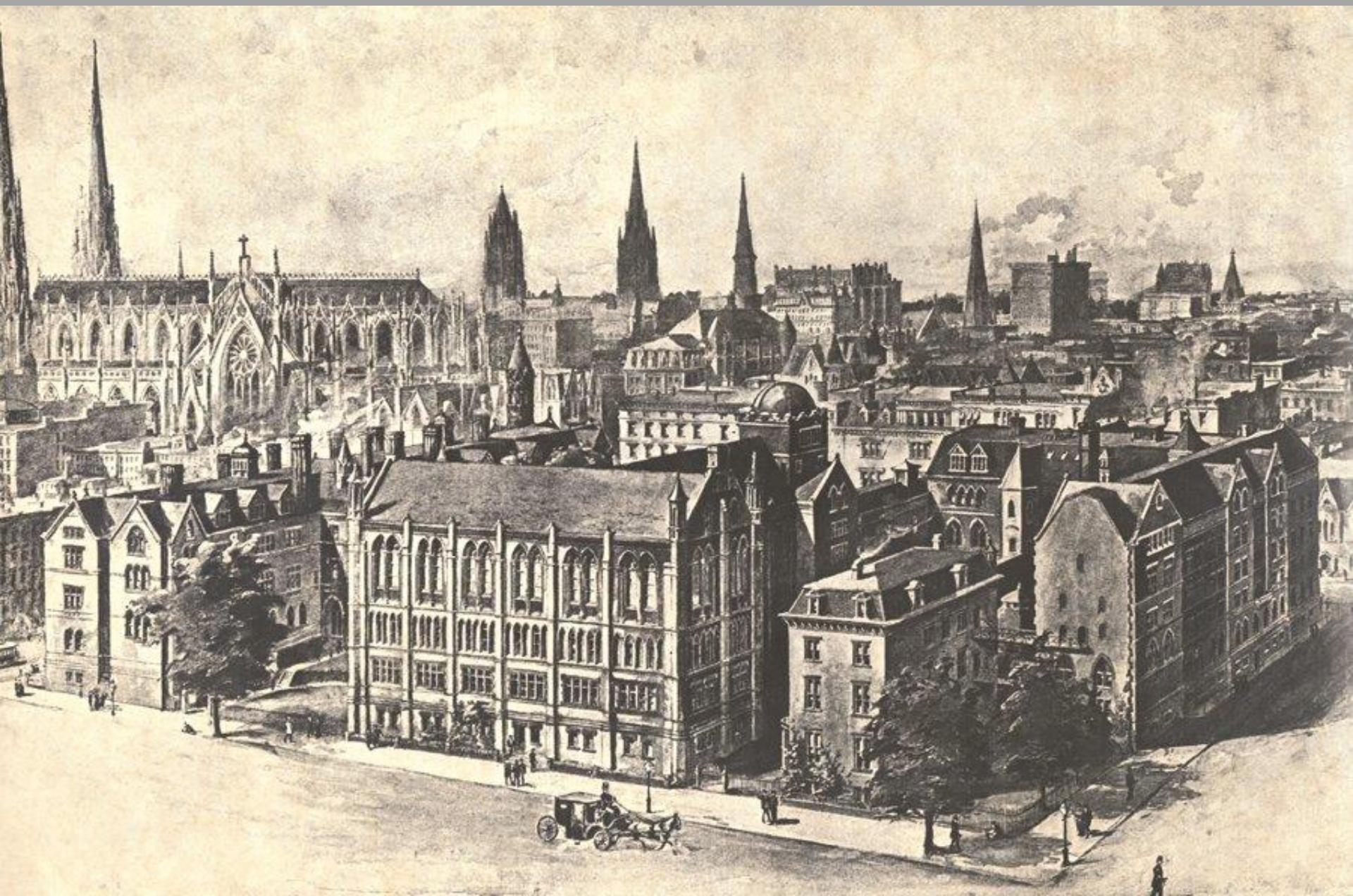
VIEWS OF NEW YORK CITY.



Columbia College 4th Ave.



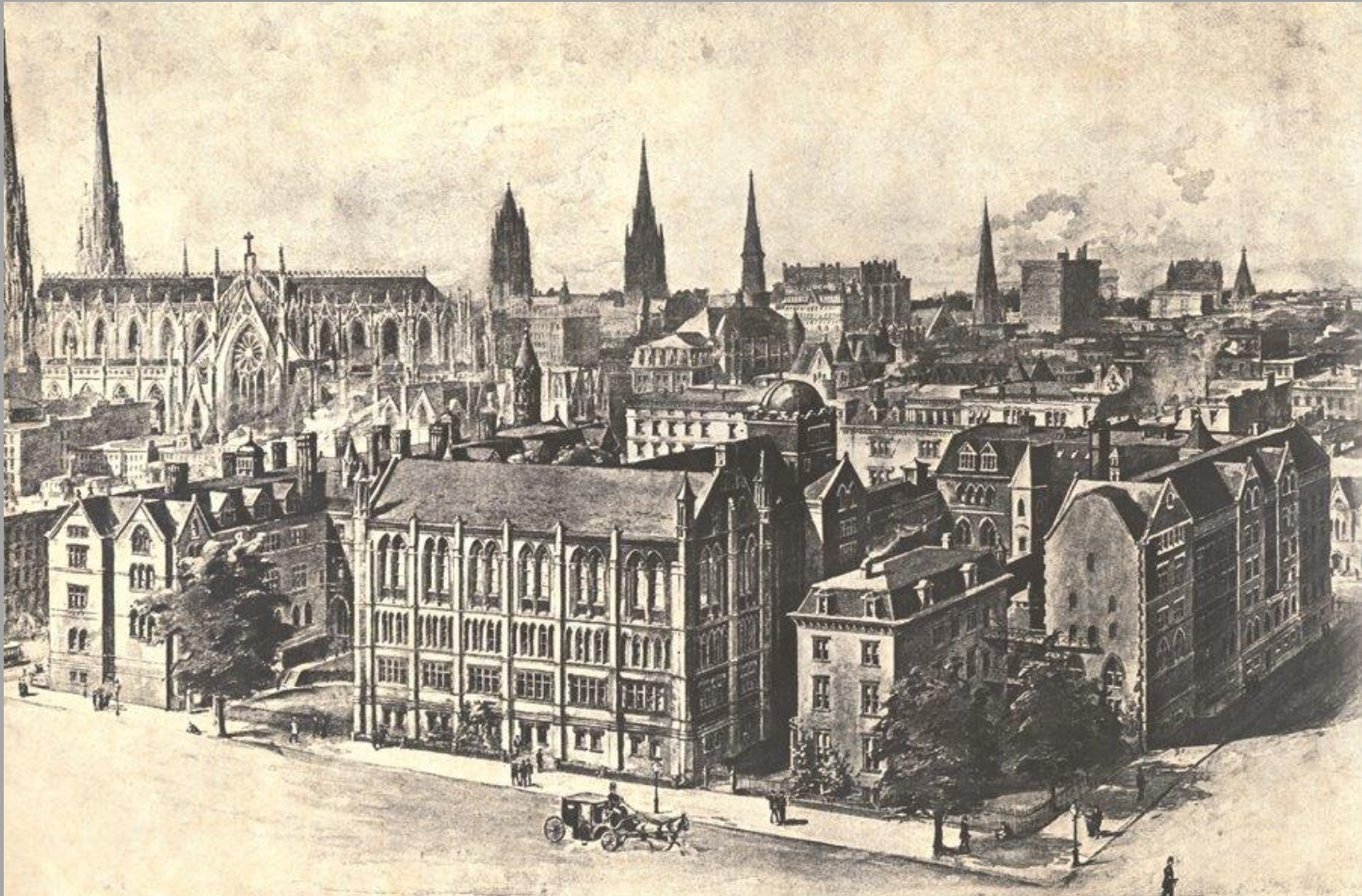
1882



St. Thomas Church

St. Patrick's Cathedral

5th Avenue
Presbyterian





COLUMBIA COLLEGE, NEW YORK.—Engraving of the Old College Building.—(The Yale Press.)
Engraving from the Yale Press, looking North.

Original Building built in 1827. Demolish between 1879 and 1886

President's House – Built 1862

Charles Coolidge Haight - Architect

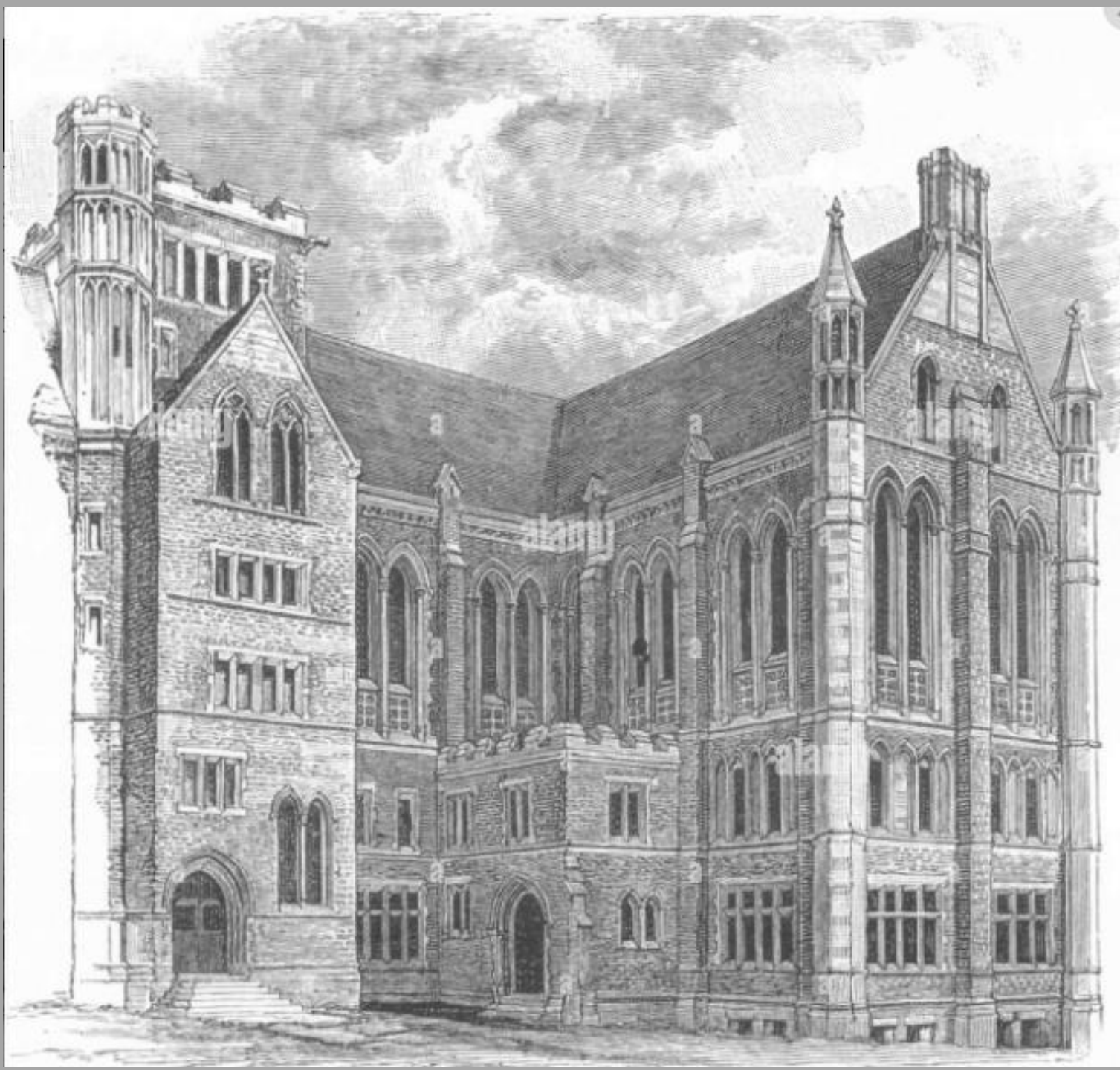
Hamilton Hall – Built 1878 to 1879 or 1880

School of Mines – 1872; Additions in 1880 and 1884

Law School - 1882

Library - 1884

Haight also designed General Theological Seminary – 20th Street
Between 9th and 10th Avenue and a number of buildings at Yale.
Pioneer of the Collegiate Gothic Style.





A BIT OF OLD AND NEW.

MAY 1884 Columbia College



THE OFFICES, LAW SCHOOL, AND LIBRARY.

COS Jan 1891

COLUMBIA COLLEGE.





Columbia College Library – Built circa 1884



Law School Housed in Same Building

IN TOKEN OF
THE OBLIGATION OF
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
TO
THEODORE W. DWIGHT
MASTER TEACHER
OF THE LAW
1858-1891

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THE TRUSTEES
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Original Home of Columbia Law School at Colonnade Row

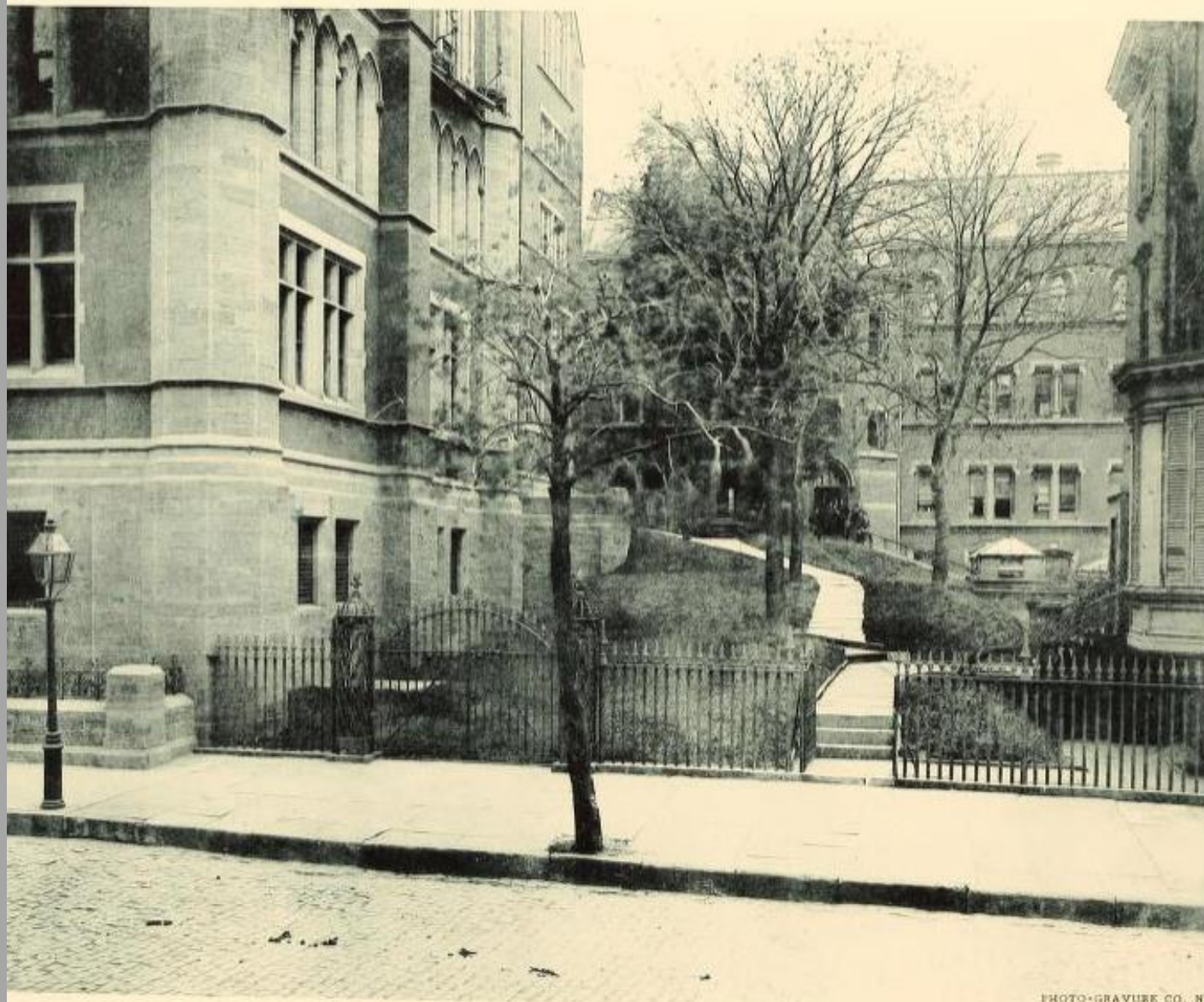


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COLUMBIA COLLEGE.

EAST QUADRANGLE, LIBRARY, SCHOOL OF MINES AND FREDERICK'S HOUSE.



IN MEMORIAM
ABRAM S. BEWITT
CLASS OF 1842

FROM 1287 TO 1897 THIS GATE STOOD
ON FORTY-NINTH STREET EAST OF MADISON AVENUE
AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE COLUMBIA COLLEGE CAMPUS



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C. C. HARTY, ARCHTCT.

COLUMBIA COLLEGE.

HAMILTON HALL AND WEST QUADRANGLE. FROM S. E.



C. C. MIGHT, ARCHTCT.

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FROM CORNER MADISON AVENUE AND 45TH STREET.

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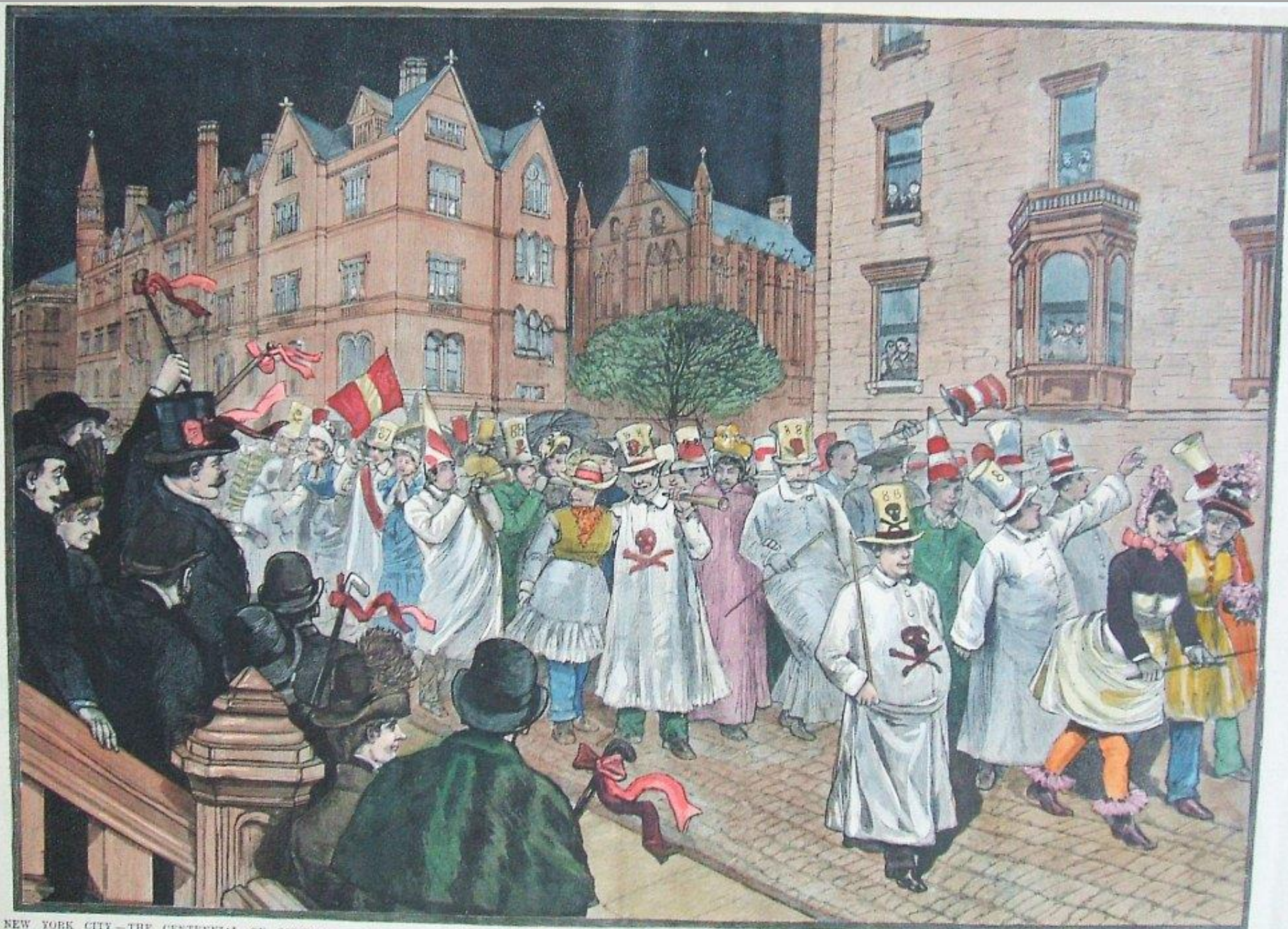
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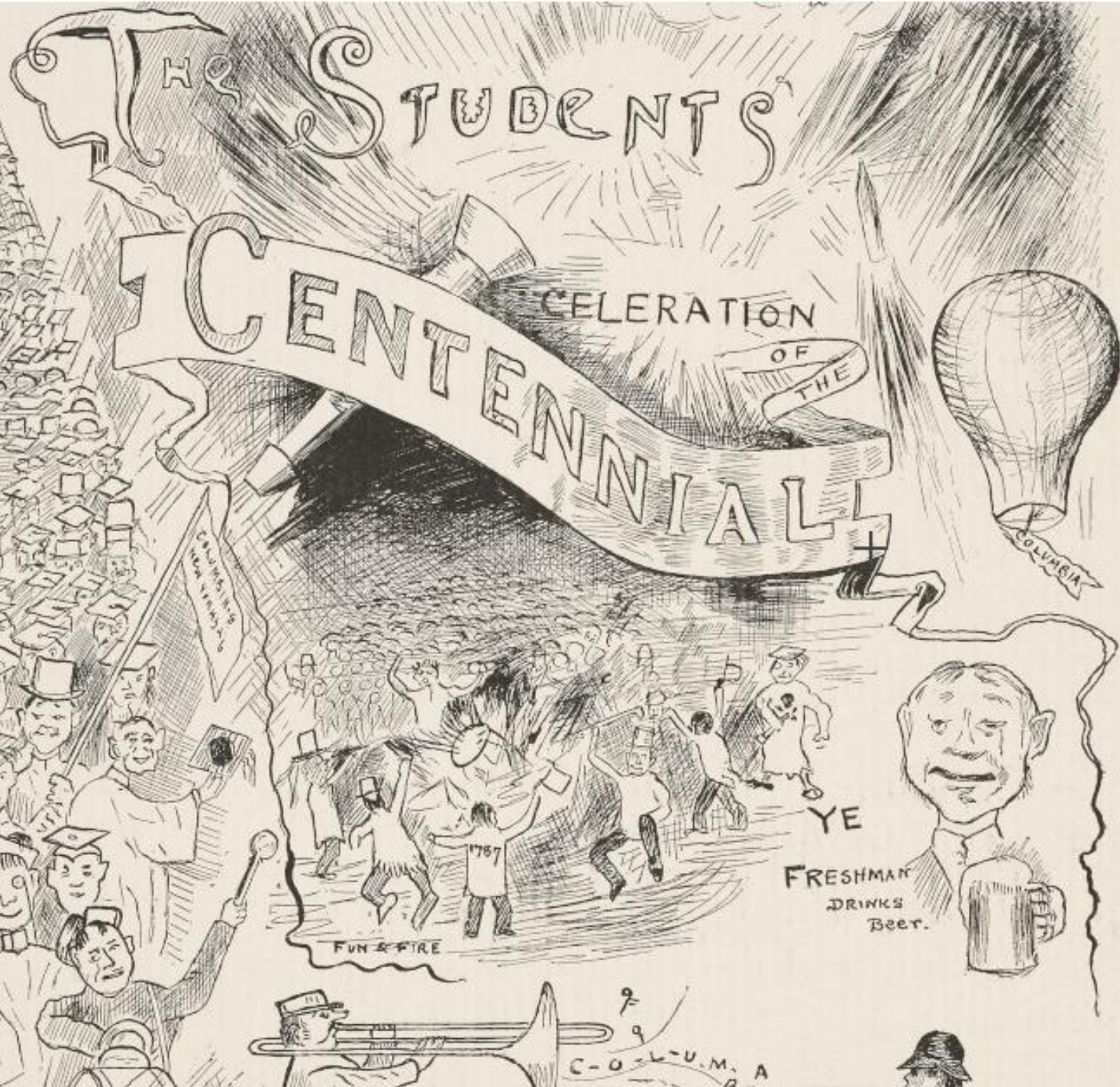
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NEW YORK CITY.—THE CENTENNIAL OF COLUMBIA COLLEGE.—THE PARADE OF THE STUDENTS ON THE EVENING OF APRIL 14TH.—THE PROCESSION LEAVING THE COLLEGE BUILDINGS.
FROM A SKETCH BY A STAFF ARTIST.—SEE PAGE 151.



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HAGGITT, ARCHT.

COLUMBIA COLLEGE.

HAMILTON HALL AND LIBRARY. FROM 4TH STREET AND MADISON AVENUE.

Hamilton Hall – Built circa 1879



C. C. BARRETT, ARCHT.

COLUMBIA COLLEGE.

HAMILTON HALL, SCHOOL OF ARTS. FROM S. W. HARRISON SPENCER.



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MADISON AVE
50th St.

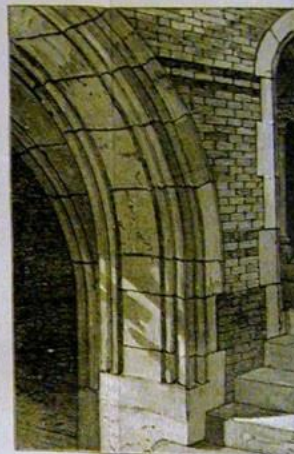


COLUMBIA COLLEGE
Showing corner at Mad. Ave. & 50th St.

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THE OLD COLLEGE.

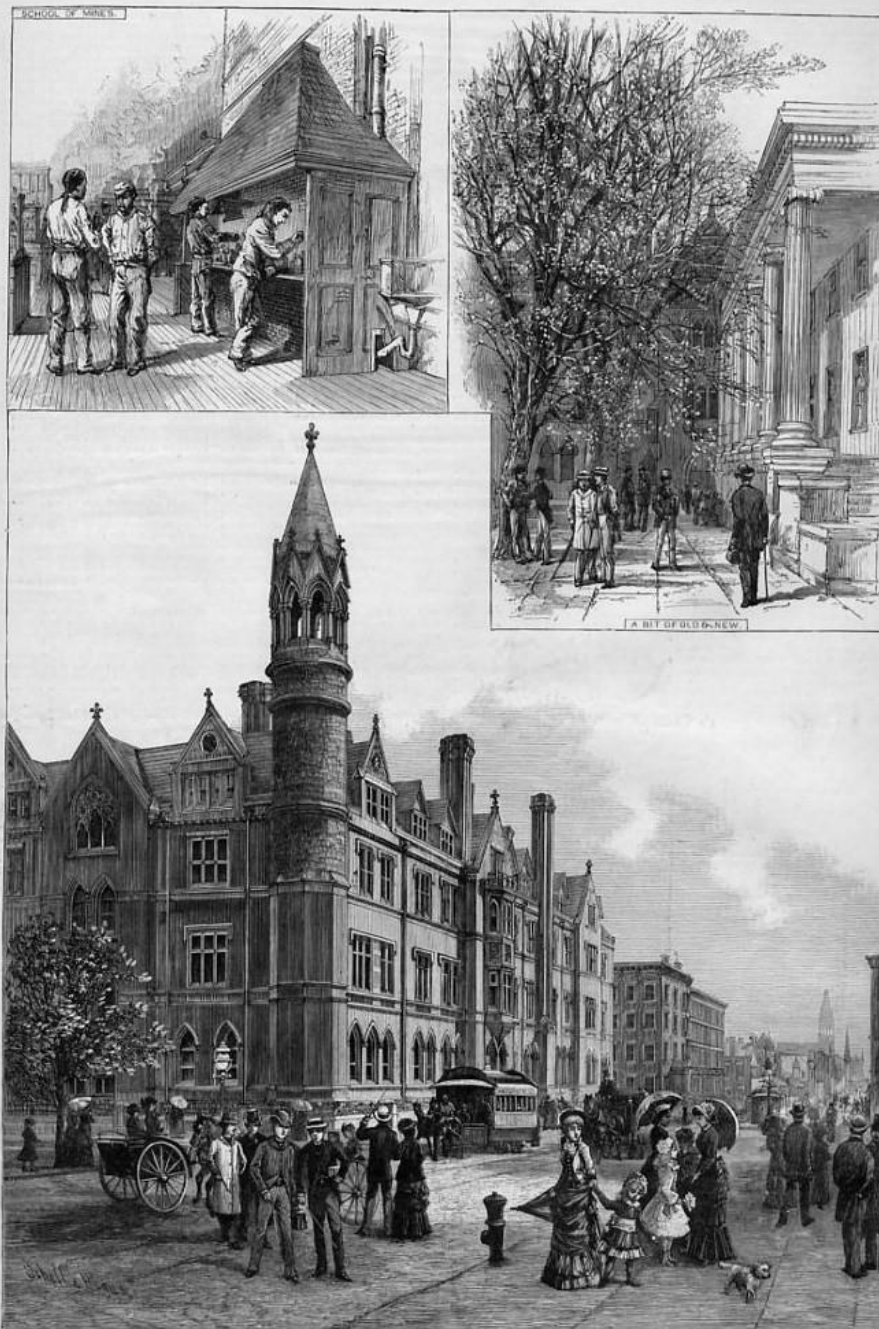


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THE MADISON AVENUE FRONT.



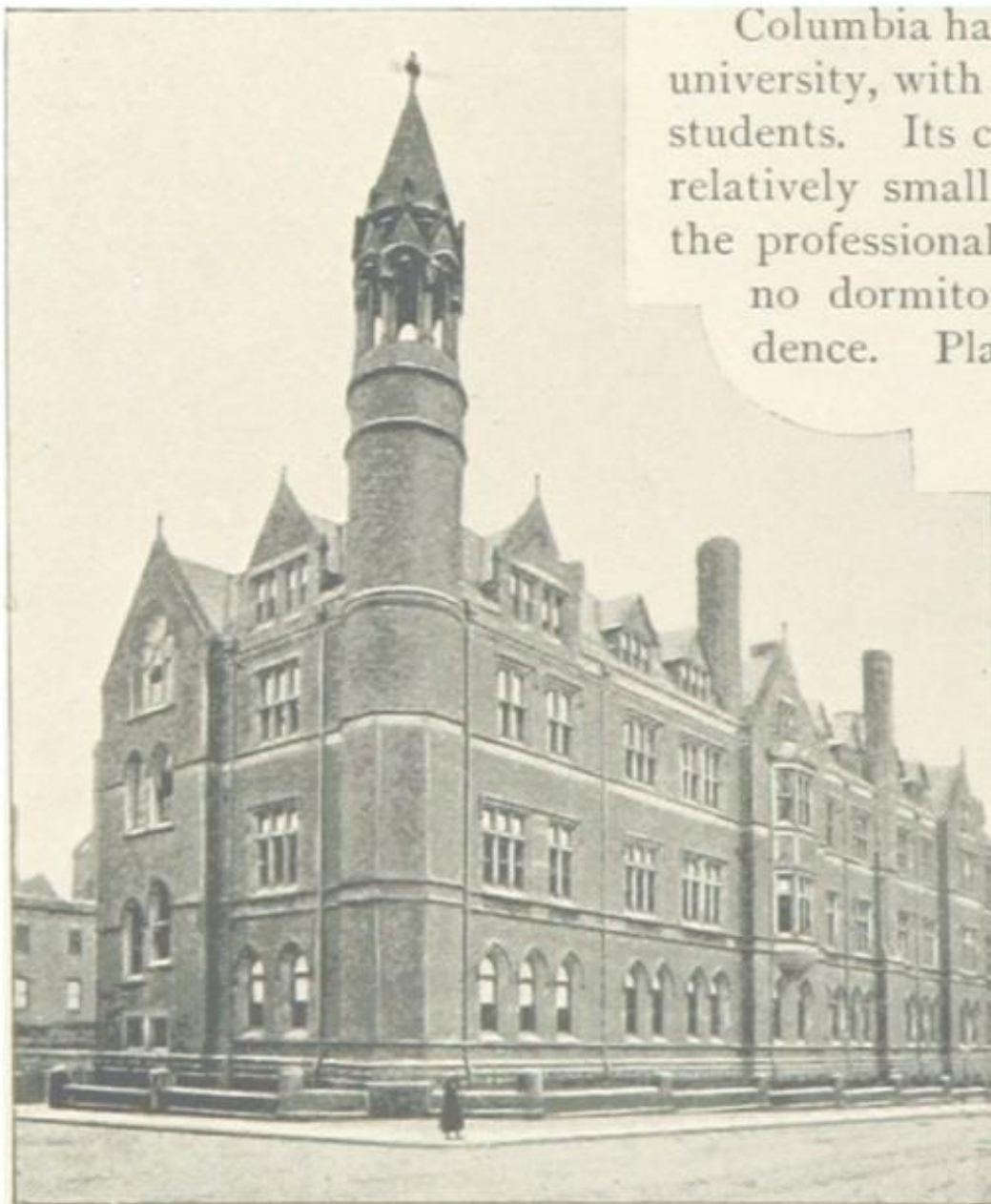


THE MADISON AVENUE FRONT.



NEW YORK CITY.—NEW BUILDINGS OF COLUMBIA COLLEGE ON FORTY-NINTH STREET AND MADISON AVENUE.—SEE PAGE 62

Columbia has
university, with
students. Its co
relatively small,
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COLUMBIA COLLEGE, SCHOOL OF ARTS,
MADISON AVENUE AND EAST 50TH STREET.



HAMILTON HALL, MAIN BUILDING OF COLUMBIA COLLEGE.



April 28, 1891

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1885



C. C. HAIGHT, ARCHTCT.

DE. T. - GRAYSON, C. N. Y.

COLUMBIA COLLEGE.

HAMILTON HALL, SCHOOL OF ARTS. FROM CATHEDRAL GROUNDS.





Villard Houses – Still Standing today at 50th and Madison

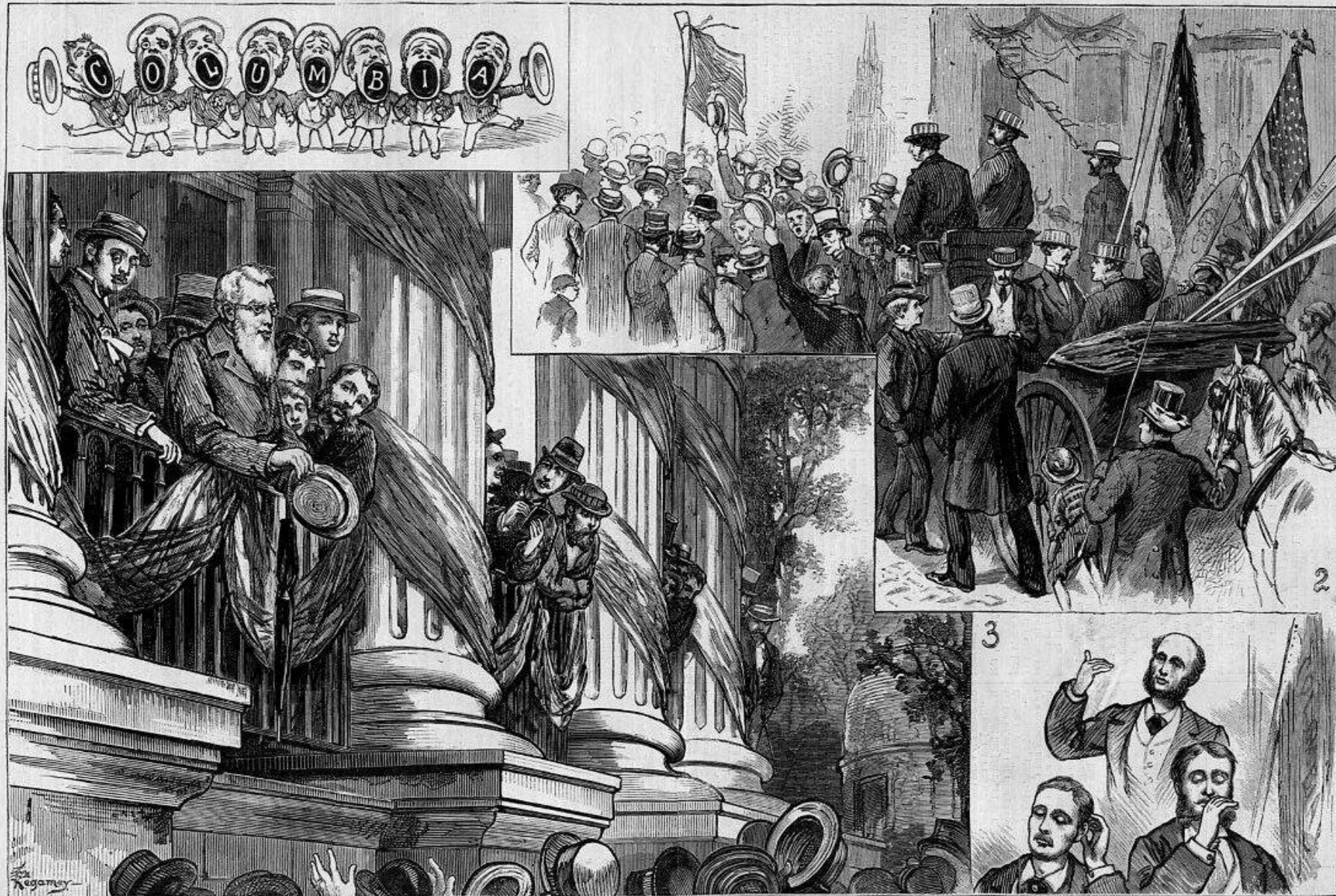


THE "MAISON DE PUNK" TO GO.

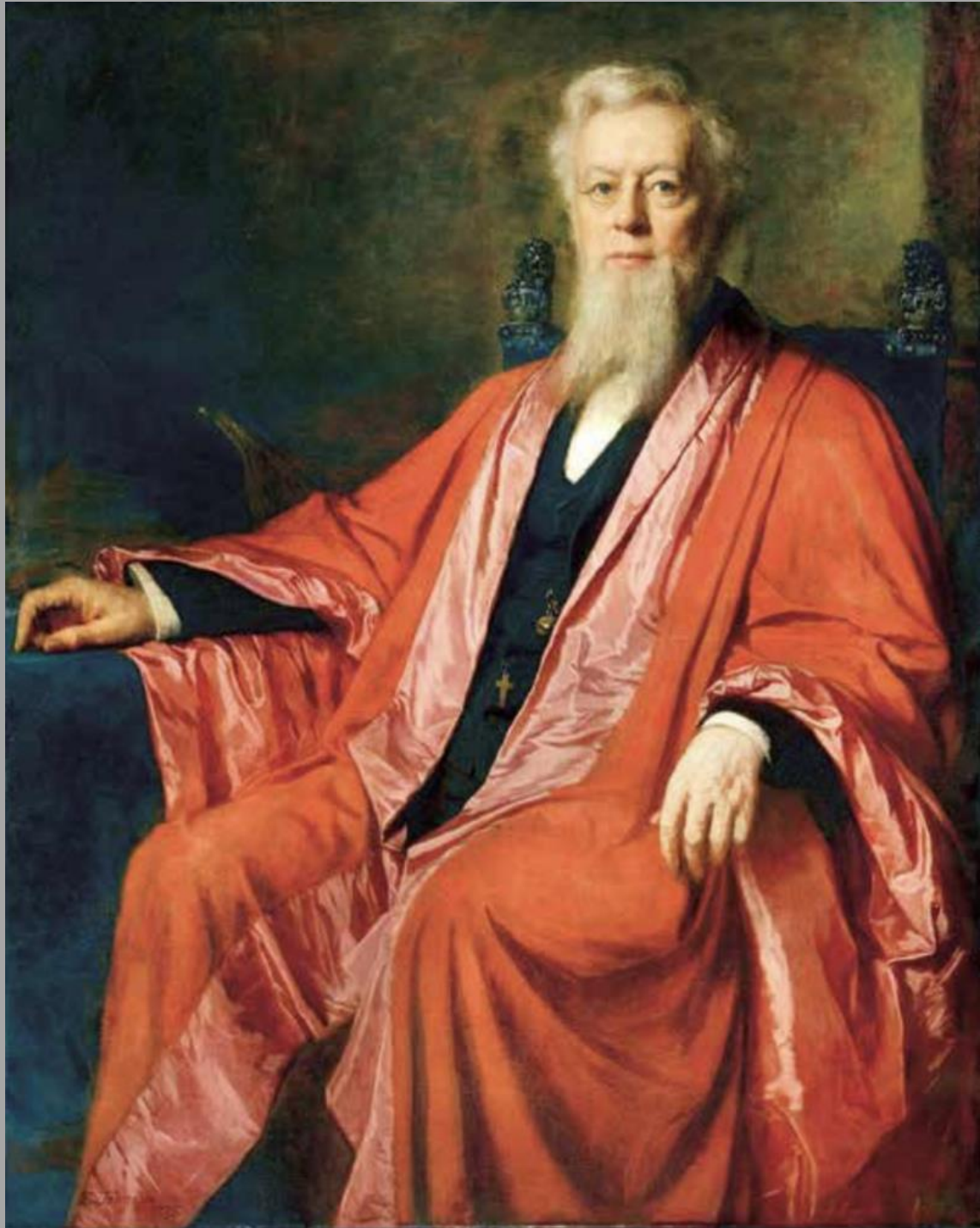
The Trustees of Columbia College are contemplating improvements in the college premises that will entirely change its appearance and also remove several of the old landmarks of the institution. The old building known to the students as "Maison de Punk" was the first building occupied by the college on its removal to its present location. Before the building came into the possession of the college authorities it was used as a deaf and dumb asylum. The familiar front, with its six immense stuccoed Ionian columns, will give way to a building which will extend out on the terrace on the campus. The present site of the President's house will be occupied by a lecture hall 60 feet long. At Forty-ninth-street and Fourth-avenue, on the lot now vacant, a five-story extension of the School of Mines is to be built.

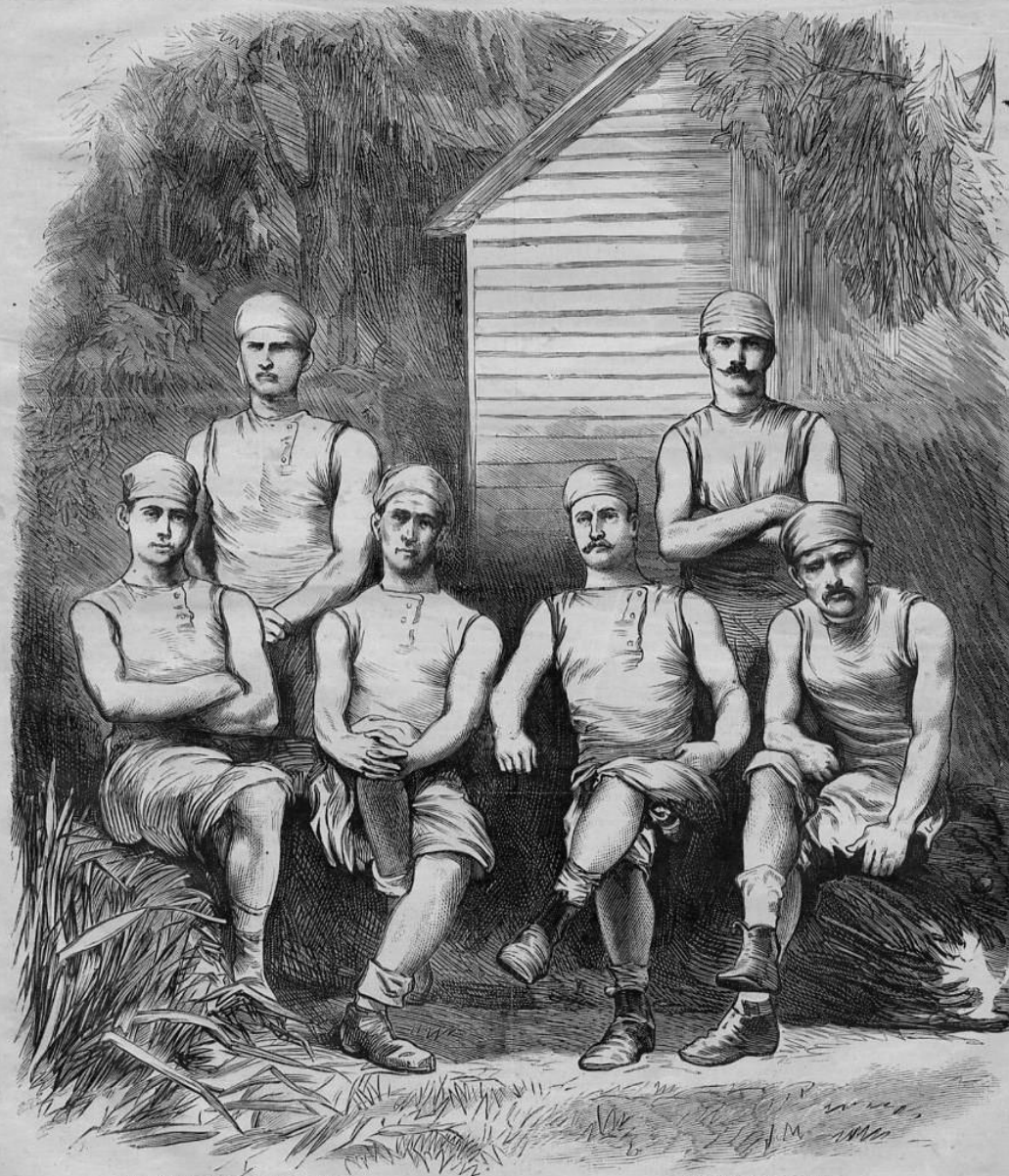
At the present time Columbia College has a larger number of students enrolled on its registers than any other college or university in the country. There are 1,829 students in the various branches of the institution, which is a university in everything but name. Harvard comes next, with 1,690; then the University of Michigan, 1,475; Oberlin, 1,302; Yale, 1,134; Northwestern, 1,100; University of Pennsylvania, 1,069, and Cornell, 1,022, making 10,621 students in these eight universities.





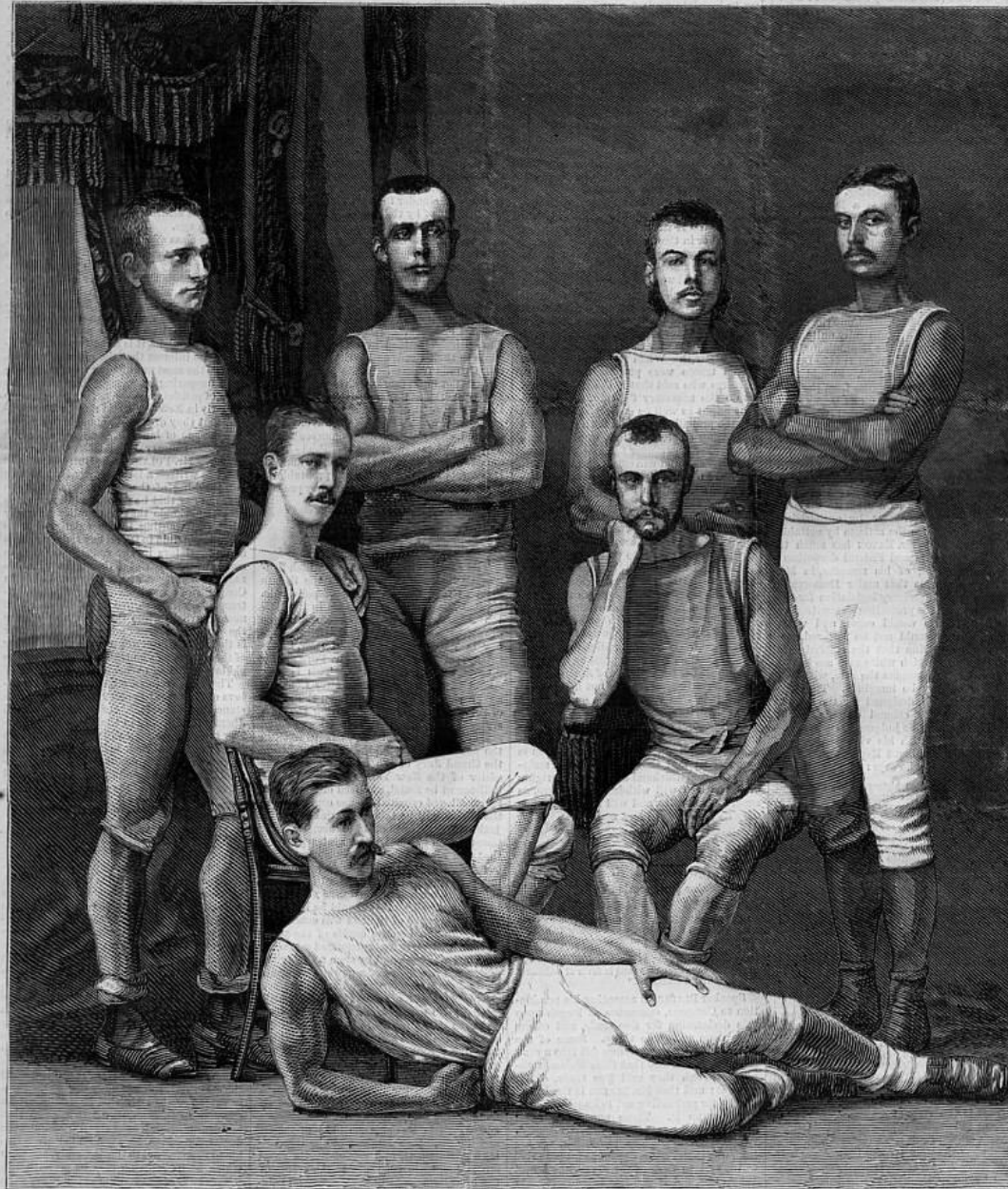
THE COLUMBIA BOYS—GRAND RECEPTION IN NEW YORK.—1. THE COLLEGE BALCONY. 2. DRAWS IN TRIUMPH. 3. THE ORATORS.—[SEE PAGE 634.]





Jasper T. Goodwin, No. 2. Edward S. Bapiste, No. 4. Robert C. Cornell, No. 5. H. Frank Rees, Stroke and Captain. Philip T. Timpan, Bow.
 Gaspar Griswold, No. 3.

THE COLUMBIA COLLEGE BOATCREW, WINNERS OF THE INTERCOLLEGIATE RACE ON LAKE SARATOGA, JULY 1874
 FROM PHOTOGRAPHS BY SARONY, NEW YORK; KIMBALL, CONCORD, N. H., AND MOORE BROS., SPRINGFIELD, MASS. - SEE PAGE 326.



Jasper T. Goodwin. Philip Timson (Bow). Seligman (Stk.). Robert C. Cornell. B. Frank Rees (Stroke). Edward S. Rapallo. Gusper Griswold.
 THE COLLEGE REGATTA—THE WINNING CREW.—PHOTOGRAPHED BY NOTMAN, MONTREAL, FOR D. O. BARKER, NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT.—[SEE PAGE 633.]



The Class of '78 from a photograph taken in their Senior year from the steps of the main building at 49th Street.









A. C. HAYES, ARTIST.

COLUMBIA COLLEGE LIBRARY.

WEST ENTRANCE. FROM UPPER HAMILTON HALL, SCHOOL OF ARTS.



C. C. BACHT, ARCHITECT.

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COLUMBIA COLLEGE LIBRARY.

WEST ENTRANCE. FROM WEST QUADRANGLE.



COLUMBIA COLLEGE : LIBRARY AND OPEN QUADRANGLE,
MADISON AVENUE AND 49TH STREET.



THE SCHOOL OF WOOD, COLUMBIA COLLEGE.





SCHOOL OF MINES, COLUMBIA COLLEGE



50th Street and Park Avenue



H. F. ARCHITECTS.

COLUMBIA COLLEGE.

LABORATORIES AND COLLECTIONS BUILDING—FROM NORTH-EAST.





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THE LIBRARY, OLD COLUMBIA COLLEGE.



J. C. HOBBS, ARCHT.

COLUMBIA COLLEGE LIBRARY.

PAT. EXCELSIOR. 1884. THE COLLEGE LIBRARY, 1884. 1885.





COLUMBIA COLLEGE LIBRARY.

ENTRANCE TO MAIN READING-ROOM. LOWER LEVEL. REFERENCE TO PRIVATE READING-ROOMS ON 4 FLOORS.





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EAST END OF MAIN READING-ROOM.







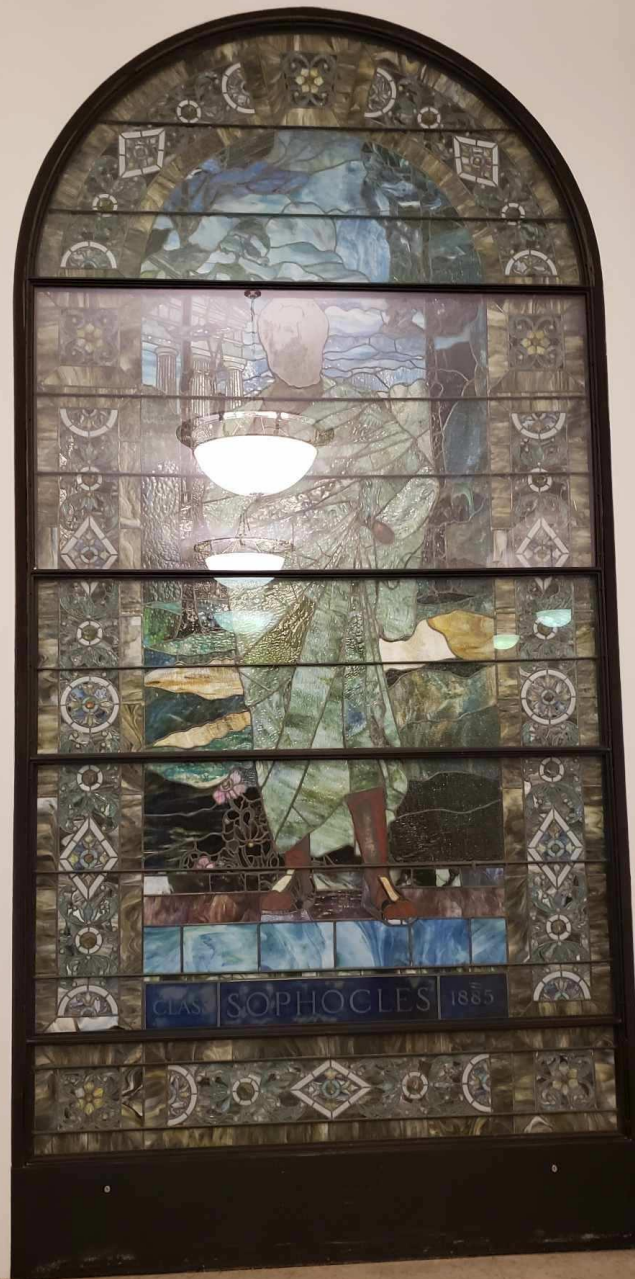
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J. S. CROOK, OF NEW BRUNSWICK, PAINT. LIBRARY.



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COLLECTION BUILDING. CORNER OF FIFTH AVENUE.



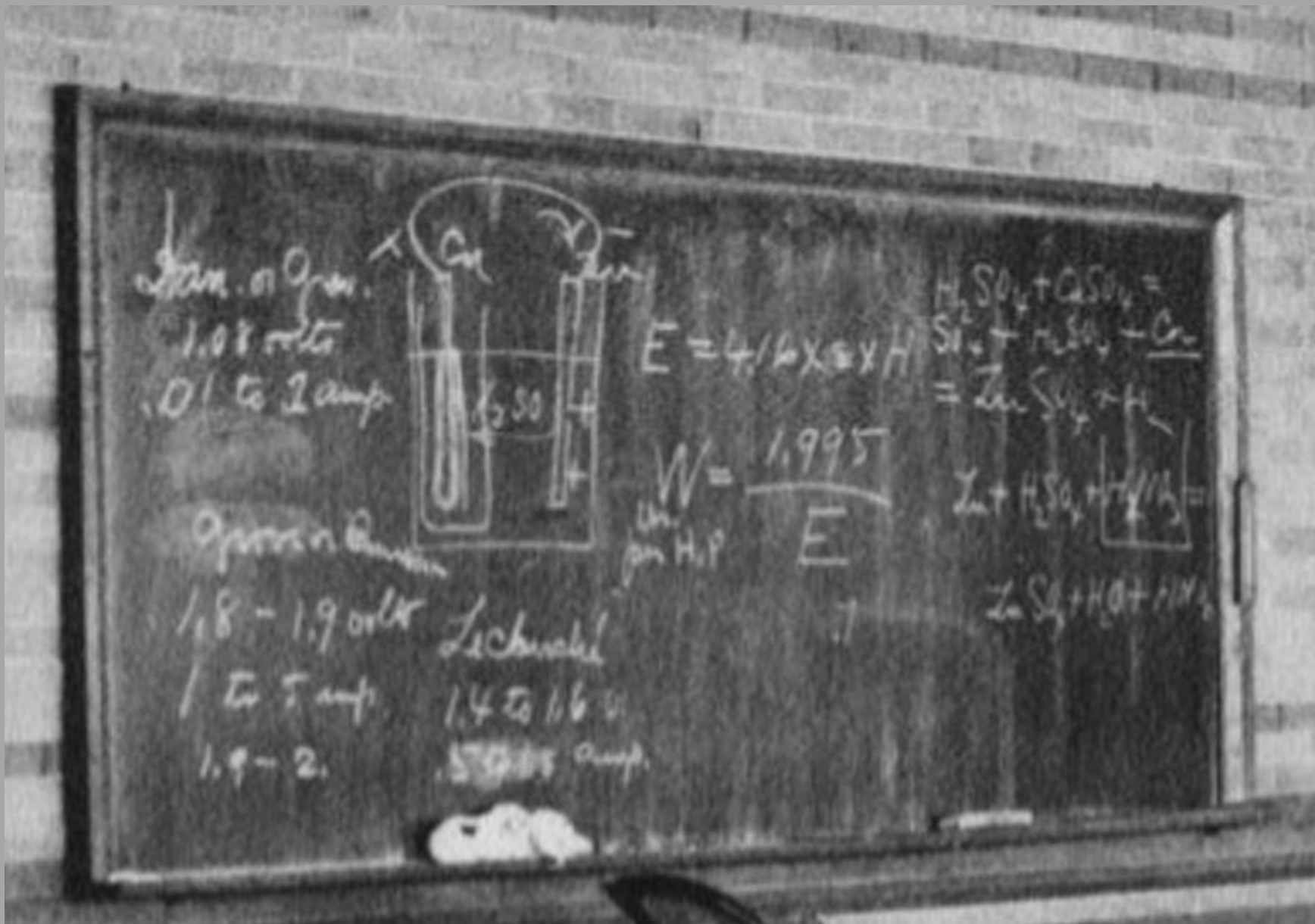




Is this from the Midtown campus or the Morningside Heights campus?



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Is this from the Midtown campus or the Morningside Heights campus?





Indolence

'82

COMMITTEE.

N. MURRAY BUTLER,
GEO. B. PARSONS,
ROBERT S. CARLIN,
JAMES W. PURDON,
R. B. VAN CORTLANDT.



Deadly Orator,
JAS. B. NIES.
Solemnious Poet,
WILLIAM K. OTIS.
Grave Digger,
EDW. R. GREENE.
Grand Marshal,
E. ARROWSMITH.

The Sophomore Class of Columbia College requests your presence at the consignment to Hades of him who was *ὑστάτος ἐν εἰρήνῃ, ὑστάτος ἐν πολέμῳ, ὑστάτος ἐν ταῖς κραδίαις τῶν Σοφομώρων*, on the College Campus, May 26, 1880.

Funeral Cortège will leave Worth Monument at 10:30 P. M.
Fiery destruction on the Campus at 11. Gebeorhscipe 12 M.

ADMIT ONE.

American scenery.

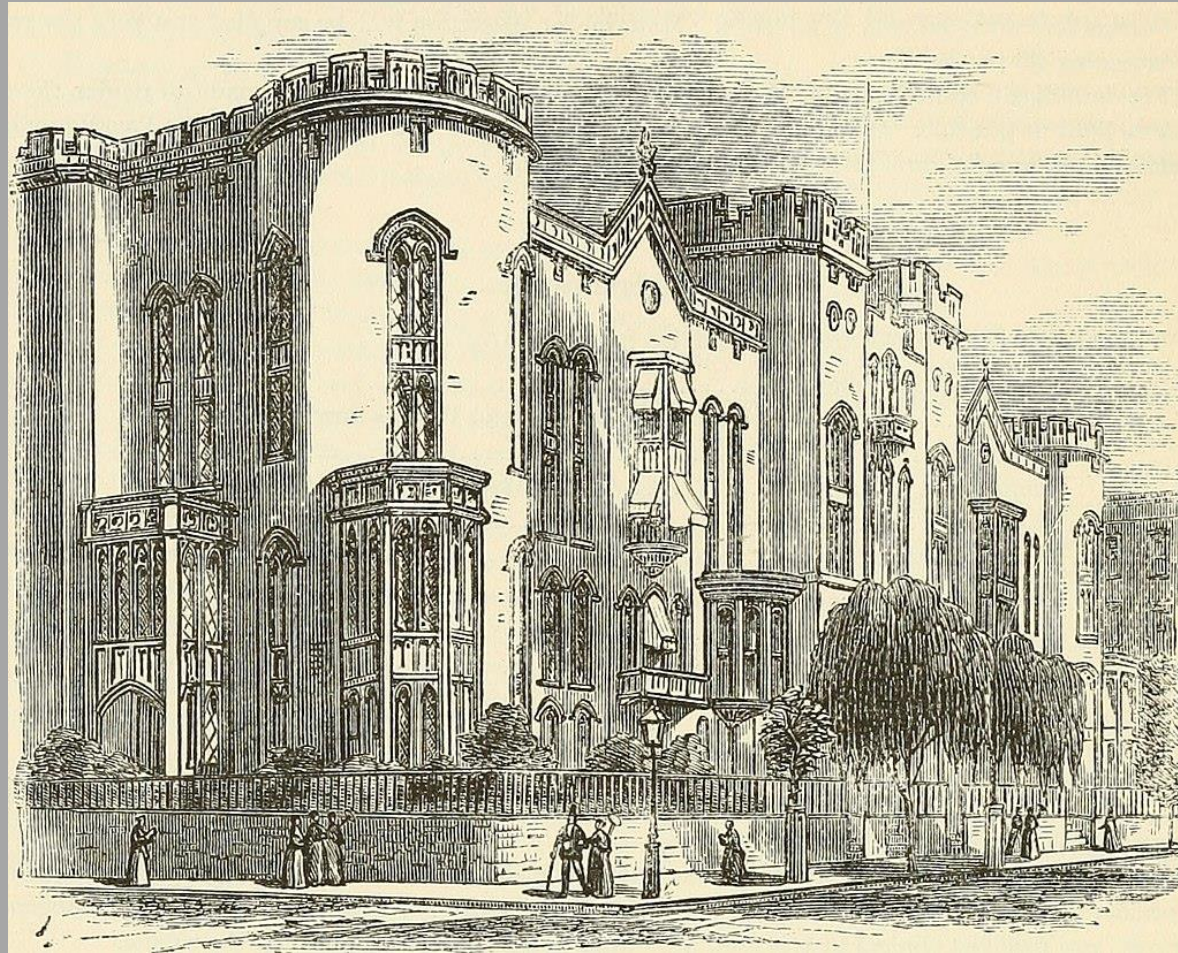


New York City.

No. 372.—Fifth Avenue.

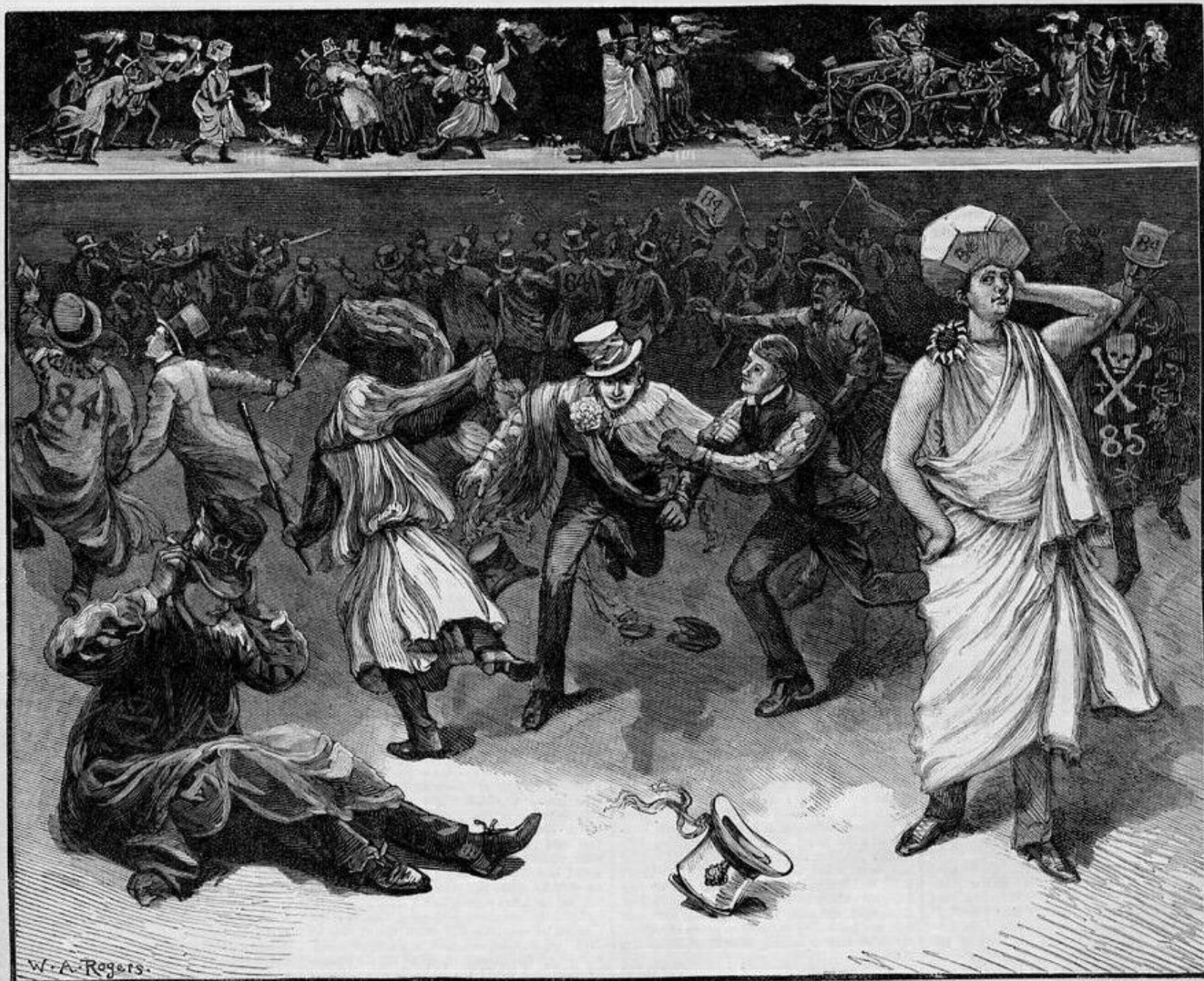


Why the Worth Monument? – Second oldest monument in NYC – Certainly would have been a prominent landmark, and certainly appropriate for a college funerary rite.





THE MAN WHO WAS THE FIRST TO BE HONORED BY THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IN A PUBLIC MANNER AND RECEIVED IN 1892, THE HONOR OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.



THE FATE OF LEGENDRE—THE PROCESSION AND THE FESTIVITIES IN THE HALL.—DRAWN BY W. A. ROGERS.

THE FATE OF LEGENDRE.

ADRIEN MARIE LEGENDRE was called to account on the college campus by the Columbia Sophomores on the night of Monday, June 5. It was a solemn affair. At 10 p.m., by the WORTH monument at Madison Square, the Sophomores assembled with their friends and sympathizers, and formed in a long procession. They were attired in Roman togas and the usual Greek trousers; they were decorated with sashes of silk and extemporized head-gear; they marched to the inspiring measures of a brass band; and at their head was the unfortunate "Legendre," bound hand and foot in a cart, condemned and hopeless, beyond the reach of brachystochrone or the functions of LAPLACE.

Arrived at the campus, where the sacrificial fires were burning blue upon the altar, and Chinese dead-lights hung from the trees, the assembled multitude listened to a harrowing poem from the haruspex JENKINS, and to an astrological harangue from the carnifex WARD. When this last was ended, the goat was placed upon the altar that the carnifex might slay it and look in it for omens, it being rightly thought that the mixed diet affected by that animal made its interior a likely place to search in. It was done, and although the victim appeared to have recently surfeited on sawdust, enough was found in it to settle the doom of "Legendre." He was promptly executed, and his remains strewn over the campus. "Nunc," said the haruspex; "*est beerum bibendum, nunc pede libero, pulsanda floorum!*" Whereupon they all adjourned to the American Institute Hall, where with beer and things a highly proper and festive time was had of it.

COLUMBIA COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT.

Σπένδε μάχην ἐς Κυδιάνειραν.



Academy of Music.

10 A.M. June 29th 1864.

124TH COMMENCEMENT

OF

Columbia College.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC,

Wednesday, June 12th, 1878.

COMMITTEE.

LOUIS M. CHEESMAN, *Chairman.*

FRANCIS S. BANGS,
GEORGE C. BRINCKERHOFF,
RALPH WOOD KENYON,
CORTLAND E. PALMER,

J. ARTHUR BOOTH,
CHARLES F. HOFFMAN, JR.,
BENJAMIN B. LAWRENCE,
NELSON W. PERRY,

GILBERT R. UNDERHILL.

FRANK LYMAN, GRAND MARSHAL.

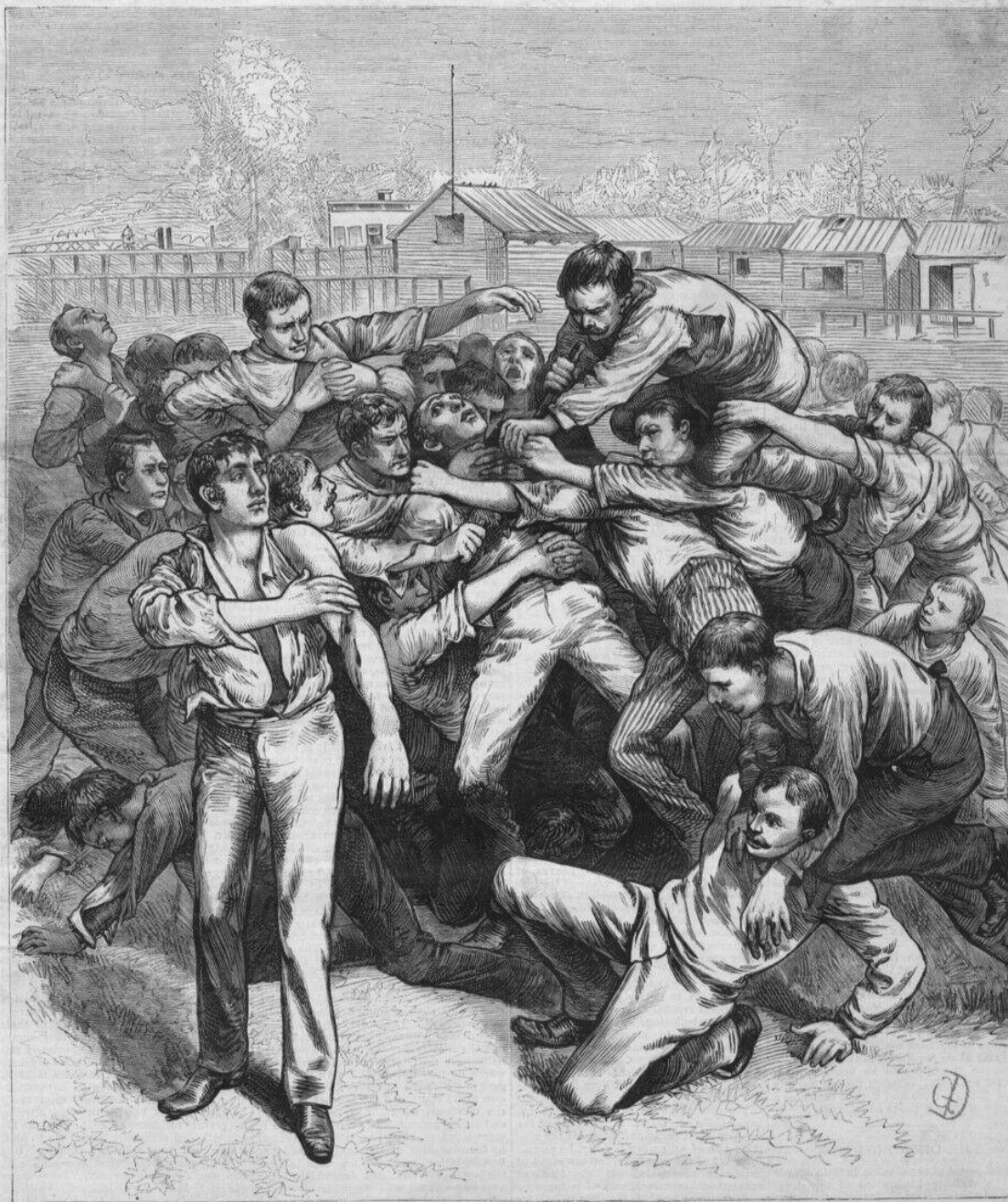
Music by Ernest Neyer.

*Columbia College
Commencement,*

Wednesday morning, June, eleventh 1884.

Admit Party.





NEW YORK CITY.—THE ANNUAL "CANE RUSH" OF THE STUDENTS OF COLUMBIA COLLEGE, OCTOBER 9TH.
FROM A SKETCH BY A STAFF ARTIST.—SEE PAGE 135.



COLUMBIA'S FIELD.

COLLEGE ATHLETIC FIELDS.—FROM PHOTOGRAPHS BY PACH BROTHERS.—[SEE PAGE 531.]



The Demolition of Hamilton Hall



The Demolition of the Engineering School –
Looking north up Park Avenue

COLUMBIA COLLEGE.

No. 689.

New York, 5. June

1880

BANK OF NEW YORK,

NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION.

Pay to the order of John Angus twenty dollars -

\$20.

Wm. M. Ogden

Treasurer.

1880

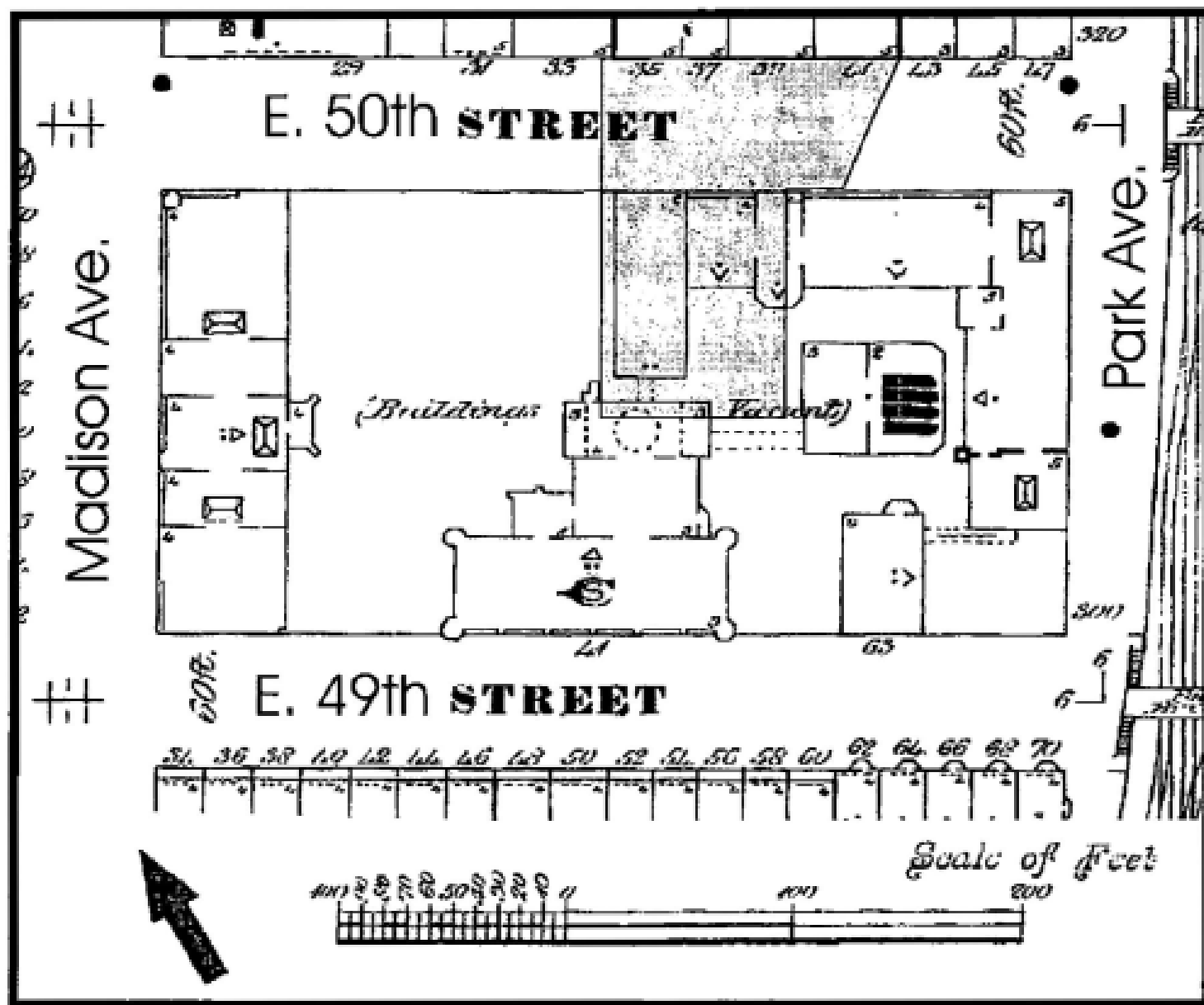
GERMANIA BANK,
New York, June 5, 1880

FOR DEPOSIT
TO THE CREDIT OF
THE F. & M. SCHAEFER
BREWING CO.

John Angus

COLUMBIA COLLEGE.

Treasurer.





COLUMBIA COLLEGE

CHARTERED IN 1784 AS KING'S COLLEGE

OCCUPIED THIS SITE

FROM MAY 1857

TO OCTOBER 1887





NEW WESTON HOTEL

MADISON AVENUE AND FORTY-NINTH STREET
NEW YORK

S. G. CLAYTON, PRESIDENT





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