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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Csaplar, Wilfrid W
<b>Title:</b>	Will Csaplar Postcard Collection
<b>ID:</b>	12719759
<b>ID:</b>	UA#0231
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1900-1950s
<b>Date [bulk]:</b>	1910-1925
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1.04 linear feet 2 index card boxes
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .
<b>Abstract:</b>	This collection consists of postcards from the early twentieth century depicting Columbia University buildings, sites, and related imagery. These postcards were collected over the years by Columbia alum Will Csaplar (AB 1957, AM 1958).

### Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Will Csaplar Postcard Collection; Box and Folder; University Archives, Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

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## Biographical / Historical

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Wilfrid (Will) W. Csaplar graduated from Columbia College with a Bachelor of Arts in 1957 and from the Graduate Business School with a Master's Degree in 1958. While an undergraduate at Columbia, Csaplar competed on the Varsity track and basketball teams and was a member of the Spiked Shoe Society and the University Christian Society. He also belonged to the Delta Upsilon Fraternity.

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## Scope and Content

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This collection contains postcards that feature imagery relating to Columbia University. These postcards date mostly from 1900 to 1950, although many date closer to the period of 1910 to 1925. Some postcards contain messages and stamps, but many are blank. There are a large number of postcards depicting Low Library and aerial views of the Morningside Campus, as well as a fair number depicting various sites on Barnard's campus and Teachers College. These postcards contain a mixture of photographed and illustrated images, with both black and white and color images.

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## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged in four series.

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### **Revision Description**

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### **Restrictions on Access**

This collection is located on-site.

### **Restrictions on Access**

This collection has no restrictions.

### **Terms Governing Use and Reproduction**

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### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Source of acquisition--Will Csaplar CC 1956. Method of acquisition--Gift; Date of acquisition--2016.

### **Ownership and Custodial History**

This collection was donated to Columbia University Archives by Will Csaplar CC 1956 in 2016.

### **Processing Information**

This collection was processed by Emily Burns, CC 2017. Finding aid written by Emily Burns in April 2017.

### **Processing Information**

Postcards processed Emily Burns, CC 2017 April 2017.

### **Accrual**

No additions are expected

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## Related Materials

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### Related Materials

Historical Photograph Collection (UA#0004)

### Selected Related Material at Columbia

[Historical Photograph Collection, 1855-2012 \(UA#0003\)](#)

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- College buildings
- Photographic postcards
- Picture postcards
- Postcards
- Columbia University
- Columbia University -- Buildings
- Low Memorial Library
- McKim, Mead & White

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## Collection Inventory

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### Series I: Morningside Campus

#### Scope and Contents

This series contains postcards with photographs and illustrations of buildings and locations on Columbia's Morningside Campus. It is organized alphabetically by building or campus feature name.

Title/Description	Instances
Aerial Views of campus	box 1
Alma Mater	
Avery Hall	
Butler Library (South Hall)	
Campus paths	

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Casa Italiana

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Chandler Laboratories

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Class of 1886 bench, 1886

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Earl Hall

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Faculty Club

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Fayerweather Hall

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Furnald Hall

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Gymnasium

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Hamilton Hall

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Hartley and Livingston Halls

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Havemeyer Hall

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International House

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Johnson Hall

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John Jay Hall

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Journalism Building

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Kent Hall

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Low Memorial Library

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Observatory

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Pan on the Green statue

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Philosophy Hall

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St. Paul's Chapel

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Schermerhorn Hall

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School of Mines

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Streets surrounding campus

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Sundial

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University Hall

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## **Series II. Associated Buildings and Campuses**

### **Scope and Contents**

This series contains postcards consisting of photographs and illustrations of Columbia affiliated schools with campuses separate from Columbia's Morningside Campus as well as some other Columbia owned property. It also contains images of buildings and locations associated with Columbia University and its

neighborhood but which are not located on the Morningside Campus. Subjects include Barnard College, Teachers College, Union Theological Seminary, Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center, College of Physicians and Surgeons, College of Pharmacy, the King's College building located in the Wall Street area of NYC, Grant's Tomb, Columbia Yacht Club (boat house), Arden House, and the King's Crown Hotel.

Title/Description	Instances
Arden House	box 1
Barnard College	
College of Physicians and Surgeons	
College of Pharmacy	
Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center	
Columbia Yacht Club	
Faculty Club	
Grant's Tomb	
King's Crown Hotel	
Park Place Campus	
Teachers College	
Union Theological Seminary	

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### Series III: Columbia Postcard Sets

#### Scope and Contents

This series contains postcards that were published by individual postcard companies as part of a larger set of Columbia themed postcards. Postcard companies, including Habermas, A.M. Simon, Manhattan Post Card Publishing Company, Columbia University Press Book Store, and J.W.G. These sets feature images of Columbia's Morningside Campus and surrounding Columbia institutions. They are not necessarily complete sets, but feature unified design styles in their photographs and illustrations.

Title/Description	Instances
A.M. Simon	box 2

#### Scope and Contents

(black and white photographs of Morningside campus; Kent Hall; Hartley and Livingston Halls; Hartley Hall; Engineering Hall; Journalism Building; Havemeyer Hall; Hamilton Hall; Students' Hall, Barnard College; Brook's Hall; Kent-Philosophy-Fayerweather Halls; Library; Gate Donated by the Class of 1888 University Hall; View of Fountain



and School of Mines; Journalism Building; St. Paul's Chapel)

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Columbia University Press Book Store

**Scope and Contents**

(sepia photographs of Morningside campus, 1 illustration in color; Chapel, East, Philosophy and Ken Halls; St. Paul's Chapel; Johnson Hall; Furnald Hall, Journalism Building and School of Mines, from South Field; Hartley and Livingstone Halls and Van Amringe Memorial; Milbank Hall; the New Library; Columbia Lion at Baker Field; South Court at Kent and Hamilton Halls; Lowell, Whittier and Emerson Halls; Chandler Laboratories; Horace Mann School and Teachers' College; St. Paul's Chapel; Philosophy and Eats Halls; Brooks Dormitory and Students' Hall, Barnard College; Barnard College; Earl and Engineering Halls; Bird's-Eye View from Broadway; Journalism Building, from South Court; Library and Main Approach to Columbia University; Campus at Earl and Havemeyer Halls; "Van Am" Quadrangle; Low Library; Alma Mater; Casa Italiana; Russell Hall, Teachers' College; Entrance to Library)

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Habermas

**Scope and Contents**

(color illustrations of Morningside campus; images include the Sundial; Earl Hall and School of Engineering; Alma Mater; St. Paul's Chapel; the Quadrangle; School of Mines; Barnard College; Library and Main Approach to Columbia University; John Howard Van Amringe Memorial; Students Hall, Barnard College; Early Hall and School of Engineering; Havemeyer Hall; Philosophy and East Halls; Journalism Building; Philosophy Hall; Engineering Hall; South Court, Kent and Hamilton Halls; Whittier Hall; Furnald Hall; Hamilton Hall; Union Theological Seminary; Furnald Hall and School of Journalism; Chapel East, Philosophy and Kent Halls; Teachers College and Russell Hall; The Library and Main Approach to Columbia University; Horace Mann School)

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**Scope and Contents**

(black and white photographs of Morningside campus; Library; Sundial; Kent, Hartley, and Livingston Halls from Library Steps; Library (different view; 2); Le Marteleur; Barnard College; Teachers College (2); Union Theological Seminary; Union Theological Seminary (different view))

Manhattan Post Card Publishing Company

**Scope and Contents**

(11 black and white photographs of Morningside campus, two color illustrations; Fiske Hall, Brinkerhoff Hall; Brooks Hall, Hewitt Hall; Milbank Hall; Russell Hall; Barnard Hall; Haveymeyer Hall; School of Business; Earl Hall; Aeroplane View of Columbia University; Chapel; Johnson Hall; Philosophy Hall, Kent Hall; Library, Kent Hall, St. Paul's Chapel and Hamilton Hall from South; Avery Hall and East Walk to Quadrangle)

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**Series IV: Special or Unusual Postcards**

**Scope and Contents**

This series contains postcards that contain unusual design features or unique imagery. Some unusual design features include images raised slightly in relief, postcards to be held to the light, non-paper materials (leather, fabric), and irregular sizes. Postcards with unique imagery include F. Earl Christy's university boy and girl illustrations, Columbia pennants and seals, and historical images of the Morningside Campus.

Title/Description	Instances
Aerial view of campus with description on front	box 2
Aerial view of campus with stamp for Bicentennial	
Campus squirrel	
Columbia pennant	
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
(some in relief)	
Columbia and Barnard seals	
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
(in relief)	
Eaton's Fine Letter Papers postage stamps of New York City	
Embroidered	
Fabric	
Football alumni ticket application	
Grounds with baseball field and field house	
Hold to light	

In relief

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Irregular size

**Scope and Contents**

(housed along the side of the box)

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Joseph Pulitzer stamp on illustration of Low Library

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Leather

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Low Library in artist's palette illustration

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Map of Morningside campus

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Photographs of students and alumni

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Postcard with Menu attached

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Presidents of Columbia, 1754 and 1904, 1754, 1904

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Requests for information and invitations

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South Hall/Butler Library with sundial intact

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Summer session information cards

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University boy and girl illustrations

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View of subway and tracks

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