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Chicago.

Mar. 17, 1899

Maj. H. A. Rust,

Comptroller, University of Chicago,

C i t y.

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Very truly yours,

Eli B. Felsenthal

Chicago, Ill.
Feb. 17, 1893

Richard B. Stewart
Attorney and Counsellor at Law
Room 321-322 Chicago Building
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FROM FIFTY-SIXTH TO FIFTY-SEVENTH STREET.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

SECTION 1. That so much of Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, as extends from the South line of Fifty-sixth (56th) Street to the North line of Fifty-seventh (57th) Street be and the same is hereby vacated and discontinued- said portion of said Greenwood Avenue hereby vacated being located between Block One (1) in Marshall Field's Addition to Chicago, in the East Half (1/2) of the Northwest Quarter (1/4) of Section Fourteen (14), in Township Thirty-eight (38) North, Range Fourteen (14) East of Third (3rd) Principal Meridian- and the Block which is bounded on the North by Fifty-sixth (56th) Street, on the South by Fifty-seventh (57th) Street, on the East by Lexington Avenue and on the West by said Greenwood Avenue.

~~SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall be in force from and after its passage.~~

SECTION 2. This ordinance is upon the express condition and understanding that if The University of Chicago shall, after the vacation of said portion of Greenwood Avenue above specified, cease to use said vacated portion of said Avenue for its corporate purposes, then this ordinance shall at such time become of no further force or effect.

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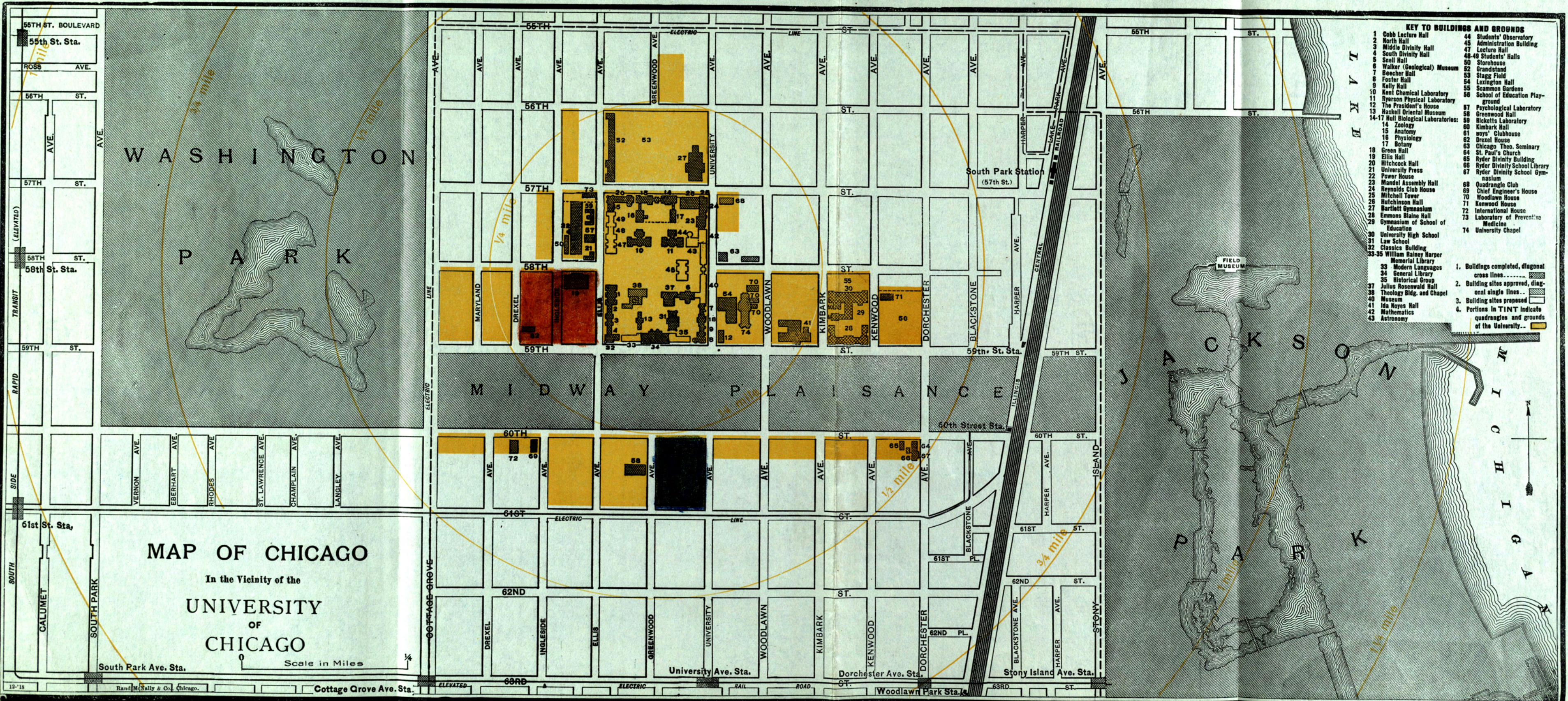
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*Vacation Greenwood
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Ordinance.*



KEY TO BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS			
1	Cobb Lecture Hall	44	Students' Observatory
2	North Hall	45	Administration Building
3	Middle Divinity Hall	47	Lecture Hall
4	South Divinity Hall	48-49	Students' Halls
5	Snell Hall	50	Storehouse
6	Walker (Geological) Museum	52	Grandstand
7	Beecher Hall	53	Stagg Field
8	Foster Hall	54	Lexington Hall
9	Kelly Hall	55	Scammon Gardens
10	Kent Chemical Laboratory	56	School of Education Play-ground
11	Dyson Physical Laboratory	57	Psychological Laboratory
12	The President's House	58	Greenwood Hall
13	Haskell Oriental Museum	59	Ricketts Laboratory
14-17	Hull Biological Laboratories:	60	Kimbark Hall
14	Zoology	61	Boys' Clubhouse
15	Anatomy	62	Drexel House
16	Physiology	63	Chicago Theo. Seminary
17	Botany	64	St. Paul's Church
18	Green Hall	65	Ryder Divinity Building
19	Ellis Hall	66	Ryder Divinity School Library
20	Mitchcock Hall	67	Ryder Divinity School Gymnasium
21	University Press	68	Quadrangle Club
22	Power House	69	Chief Engineer's House
23	Mandel Assembly Hall	70	Woodlawn House
24	Reynolds Club House	71	Kenwood House
25	Mitchell Tower	72	International House
26	Hutchinson Hall	73	Laboratory of Preventive Medicine
27	Bartlett Gymnasium	74	University Chapel
28	Emmons Blaine Hall		
29	Gymnasium of School of Education		
30	University High School		
31	Law School		
32	Classics Building		
33-35	William Rainey Harper Memorial Library		
33	Modern Languages		
34	General Library		
35	Historical Group		
37	Julius Rosenwald Hall		
38	Theology Bldg. and Chapel		
40	Museum		
41	Ida Noyes Hall		
42	Mathematics		
43	Astronomy		

1. Buildings completed, diagonal cross lines.

2. Building sites approved, diagonal single lines.

3. Building sites proposed.

4. Portions in "TINT" indicate quadrangles and grounds of the University.

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Chicago,

October 28, 1901.

President William R. Harper,
The University of Chicago.

My dear Sir:

I send you herewith a copy of a report which the Committee on Buildings and Grounds will present to the Council at the next opportunity. I send this copy to you in advance, because the first recommendation--indeed, the only recommendation which the report contains---seems to call for immediate consideration.

Yours very truly,

R. D. Salisbury



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Haskell Museum

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The buildings at present erected definitely fix the location of walks upon the campus to such an extent that some 4500 lineal feet of cement sidewalk could be permanently located and laid; these walks if six feet in width could now be laid at a total cost not to exceed \$2700- the need of many of these walks at some seasons of the year to insure comfort and perhaps decency is obvious while the effect in transforming the campus from its present crude appearance would be in a greater degree than the expenditure of a similar amount of money in any direction of which I know. These sidewalks can be classified as follows, viz-

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7.	Campus side Women's Hall	275	"
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The desirability of the improvement of 59th St. between Cottage Grove Ave. and the Illinois Central R. R. Tracks is conceded and reports thereon have been previously made by me; it is a fitting season of the year to again present the subject. The cost to The University of this improvement would be approximately as follows-

For Roadway-----	\$3400
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The South Park Board have plans for the work and although they have comparatively little money to expend it is intimated that if desired they will join in this improvement, and the concurrence of the Park Board with yourselves will determine whether or not the work shall proceed; a sketch of the improvement is herewith submitted."

This report was referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds for full consideration and report to the Board; it has been decided that the Committee shall meet at The University on Tuesday morning Apr. 25 at 8³⁰ o'clock. It is hoped that every member of the Committee will be present as the matter is of great importance.

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The President reported that Mrs. Foster had paid in the \$20,000. for the completion of Foster Hall and desired to have her grandson, Mr. Porter, employed in connection with the work.

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In accordance with this action, I write to ask
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Building Committee

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That in all areas of the campus not likely to be disturbed by future buildings, or constructions of any sort, adequate soil and sub-soil be provided at the present time. Much grading and filling will be necessary to put the campus in order, as soon as the present work is completed, and adequate soil and sub-stratum of clay can be more economically provided while this re-grading is going on, than at any future time. The black sand on the campus is not sufficient for this purpose.

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2. That, before trees and shrubs were planted at any point, the ground should be put in proper condition by the addition of an adequate amount of soil, with substratum of clay.

In the face of these recommendations, large numbers of shrubs were put out, being planted in many places where there was practically no soil. As a consequence, something like half of them died the first summer. Furthermore, a very large proportion of those which survived have been uprooted or buried by the new building operations on the campus. It is not too much to say that the money expended in this line was practically thrown away. Furthermore, exception is taken to the character of the shrubs put out. The committee understand that the shrubs selected were selected because they were supposed to be able to grow without much soil, not because of their intrinsic merits.

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2. " R.D. Salisbury, Chairman-26th inst

I find both these communications interesting and that of Mr. Coulter especially commends itself to me in that it suggests and proffers a definite service for which it is expertly qualified and in that it recognizes the Landscape Architect as possibly competent for the duty assigned to him coupled with the wholesome disposition of co-operation.

Referring to the report of the Faculty of the aforesaid Committee I have simply to state that there has been a mistake in the selection of a Landscape Architect unless he is competent to and will submit plans for the treatment of the Campus the elaborateness of which-more or less-will have justification; as for the bulk of their communication I think it aims to cover ground which has already been definitely and completely intrusted to Mr. Simonds and I should have a poor opinion of his ability if anything therein would be a source of great professional enlightenment to him.

I herewith return the aforesaid communications thanking you for the opportunity given me to know their contents.

Yours truly

2 Inclosures

Comptroller

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The University of Chicago



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The Committee has not seen the plans of the Press Building. I had supposed that we were to see everything. The two things that seem to me obviously important with regard to this building are, first, that, though simple, it should be in evident relation to the University buildings (that is, be essentially of the Gothic order, rather than of the Classical), and, second, that whatever material is used on the front should be used also on the sides and back. The general tendency of Chicago is to make an imposing front, cheaper and shabby sides, and a still cheaper and shabbier back, - as if a ladies ^{g's} dress were to be made of satin on the front, bed-ticking on the sides, and burlap on the back. The only part of Chicago where there is a notable freedom from this shoddy gentility is that of the University and the professors' houses. I hope we shall nowhere depart from the conception of honest decency which has thus far ruled.

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To the President and Board of Trustees of the University of Chicago.

Gentlemen:--

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I. A diligent search has shown that in only one spot is any good earth being put in, namely in front of Ryerson Hall. A few wheelbarrow loads are there being put on top. In front of Walker, Kent, and Cobb, as well as in the beds in the open, it is clear that no earth whatever has been brought in. The same is true, so far as any evidence can be obtained, of the places where trees have been set out.

Unless a miracle has been wrought, the sandy soil of Chicago is not a suitable foundation for the growth of shrubs and trees. If it be answered that the expert landscape gardener whose help has been secured is a sufficient authority in such matters, the answer is that the practice pursued here is not the practice pursued by most landscape gardeners in Chicago.

As is well known, the only proper preparation in such a case is to remove the top surface to the desired level, then to put in a layer of clay to prevent the rapid leaching of water, and above that a layer of rich earth. If the means at the disposal of the University do not allow the landscape gardener to do this and provide trees and shrubs also, it is far better that earth should be procured and put in, the provision

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