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Georgia School of Technology

Stock#: 25142
Map Maker: Littig & Company
Date: 1911 circa
Place: New York
Color: Color
Condition: VG
Size: 27 x 16 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Striking view of Georgia Tech, showing the University Campus, Baseball Field, Football Field (both teams would then have been coached by John Heisman, for whom the Heisman Trophy is named) and neighboring parts of Atlanta.

The view is apparently of the utmost rarity and we have been unable to find any evidence of another copy of the view.

W.T. Littig & Co. of New York advertised itself as "Engravers, Photo Engravers, Commercial Artists. Photogravure Bird's-eye Views of School Plants and Institutions." The company published the college views by Richard Rummell, although we can find no record of Rummell having produced a view of the Georgia Tech campus (the furthest south was apparently the University of Virginia). We have located an entry in the Minutes of the University of Georgia Board of Trustees (1911-1919), under the heading "Littig & Company Campus Pictures," noting that on June 16, 1911, the Board of Trustees "The proposition of W.T. Littig & Co. to furnish pictures of the University Campus was referred to the finance committee." There is no indication that the entry referred to the Georgia School of Technology campus or that Littig was successful in persuading the University of Georgia to purchase views of its campus.

The Georgia School of Technology opened in the fall of 1888 with two buildings. The present view, prepared a little more than 20 years after the opening of the campus, shows significant growth from the original two buildings. The name of the school remained unchanged until 1948.

The idea of a technology school in Georgia was introduced in 1865 during the Reconstruction period. Two former Confederate officers, Major John Fletcher Hanson (an industrialist) and Nathaniel Edwin Harris (future Governor of Georgia), who had become prominent citizens in the town of Macon, Georgia after the



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Civil War, strongly believed that the South needed to improve its technology to compete with the industrial revolution that was occurring throughout the North.

In 1882, the Georgia State Legislature authorized a committee, led by Harris, to visit the Northeast to see firsthand how technology schools worked. On October 13, 1885, Georgia Governor Henry D. McDaniel signed the bill to create and fund the new school. In 1887, Atlanta pioneer Richard Peters donated 4 acres for the campus. The land was bounded on the south by North Avenue, and on the west by Cherry Street. Peters then sold five adjoining acres of land to the state for \$10,000.. This land was located near the northern city limits of Atlanta at the time.

Detailed Condition:

Very wide margins.