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Map of Niagara Falls and Guide Table.

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Map Maker: Hall & Mooney
Date: 1840 circa
Place: Buffalo, New York
Color: Uncolored
Condition: Good
Size: 12 x 15 inches
Price: \$ 675.00



Description:

Early American Tourist Guide!

Fantastic advertising guide to the sites and scenes of interest around Niagara Falls, providing a map of establishments around the great North American tourist attraction.

In addition to the many places listed on the map, a simple bird's eye view of the area is given. Instructions "for the hasty traveller" indicate how to get straight to the waterfall if one is in a rush, and secondary attractions to see if one has a bit more time. Various points of economic or cultural interest on both sides of the border are listed on either side of the map, and below the map appear general statistics for the great falls.

American Tourism in the 19th Century and Niagara Falls



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The advent of American tourism in the 19th century can be traced back to several key factors, including the growth of the middle class, advancements in transportation, and the emergence of a leisure culture. Niagara Falls, located on the border of New York and Ontario, Canada, became one of the most iconic tourist destinations in the 19th century. Its popularity began to rise in the early 1800s, particularly after the War of 1812. The construction of roads, bridges, and later railroads made the falls more accessible to visitors.

By the mid-19th century, Niagara Falls had become a symbol of natural beauty and a must-see destination for travelers. The opening of luxury hotels and the promotion of the falls as a romantic and sublime natural wonder attracted honeymooners, artists, and tourists alike.

The 19th century also saw the rise of guidebooks, travel agencies, and promotional materials. Entrepreneurs and local governments recognized the economic potential of tourism and actively promoted destinations. This further fueled the growth of tourism across the country.

Rarity

We locate only four institutional copies of the map through OCLC and other means.

Detailed Condition:

Soling and toning. Minor loss at intersecting folds. Chips around edges and tears at right side.