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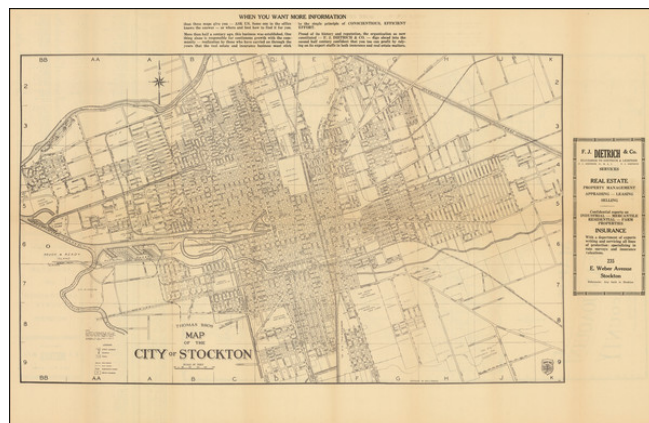
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Thomas Bros. Map of the City of Stockton (with) Map of the San Joaquin County

Stock#: 96154
Map Maker: Thomas Brothers

Date: 1942
Place: Los Angeles
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 30 x 20 inches whole sheet

Price: \$ 145.00



Description:

The Thomas Brothers 1942 map of Stockton, California presents a detailed layout of the city during the early 20th century. It showcases various landmarks, streets, residential areas, and public places, all meticulously depicted to guide residents and visitors alike. On the verso, the map extends to cover the broader San Joaquin County, reflecting the interconnectedness of Stockton to the surrounding towns and countryside.

Stockton, located at the head of a navigable channel, several miles east of the San Joaquin River and approximately 90 miles inland from San Francisco Bay, has always been a significant place due to its location. Its importance as a transportation hub, as illustrated on the map, further increased when the Port of Stockton was opened to deep sea traffic in 1933.

Between 1900 and 1950, Stockton underwent substantial changes. The early 20th century saw the city's population swell due to its central location in the agricultural-rich Central Valley, making it a hub for commerce. In the 1920s, the city continued to grow as a commercial and transportation center, with new roads and highways being built. The city's infrastructure expanded during this period, with new public buildings, parks, and schools constructed to accommodate the growing population.

The 1930s were marked by the Great Depression, which undoubtedly affected Stockton, yet the opening of the Port of Stockton provided a lifeline, stimulating economic activity. Stockton was then further affected by World War II. The establishment of the Stockton Naval Communications Annex and the Stockton Ordnance Depot brought an influx of military personnel and their families, leading to a spike in the city's population.

Despite the challenges, the mid-century period also saw significant progress. Stockton State Hospital, an



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expansive mental health facility, was converted into the Stockton branch of the University of the Pacific in 1951, leading to an uptick in the city's intellectual and cultural life.

The Thomas Brothers 1942 map provides a window into the city's layout and its relationship with the broader San Joaquin County during this pivotal period in Stockton's history. It offers a glimpse into a city in transition, capturing the essence of Stockton as it was transforming into an essential hub in California's burgeoning 20th-century economy.

Detailed Condition: