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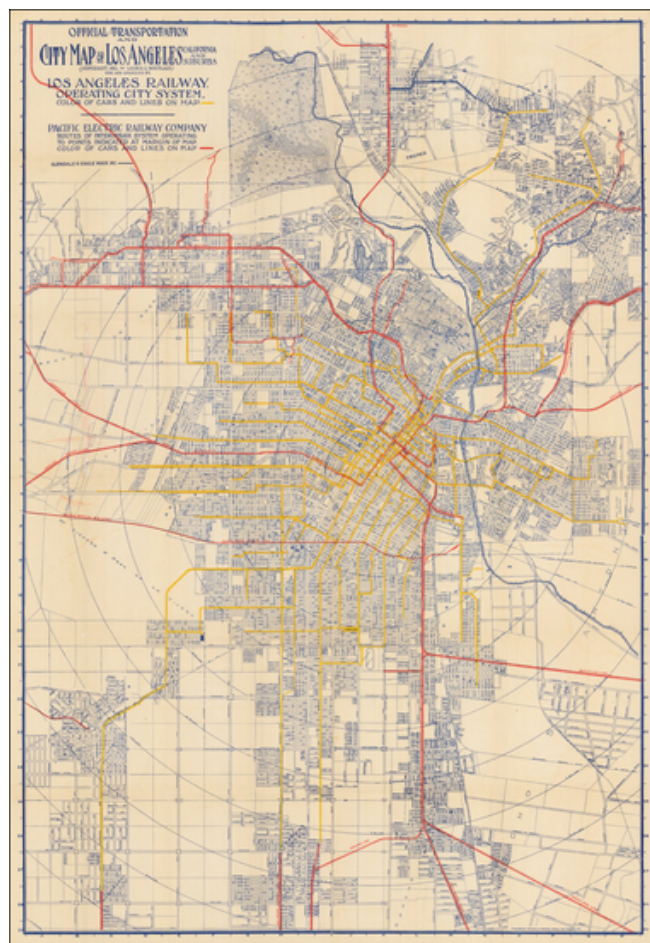
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**Official Transportation and City Map of Los Angeles California and Suburbs (Copyright
1911 By Laura L. Whitlock For Los Angeles Ry.) . . .**

Stock#: 47229
Map Maker: Whitlock
Date: 1911
Place: Los Angeles
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 43.5 x 31.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Remarkable large format map of Los Angeles by Laura L. Whitlock of the Los Angeles Railway, printed by the Times Mirror Printing & Binding House of Los Angeles.

The map focuses on the lines of the Los Angeles Railway (yellow), Pacific Electric Railway (red) and the Glendale & Eagle Rock Railway.

The map illustrates radial distances from downtown. There is a list of Los Angeles Railway lines on inside front and back wrappers. The map is dated 1911, with wrapper stating Revised 1912.

This map shows the remarkable development of the Los Angeles streetcar system as of 1911.



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Of equal note, the map is the work of Laura L. Whitlock, "the official mapmaker of Los Angeles County" during the teens and "the only woman map publisher in the country" at that point.

Laura was born in Iowa but migrated west with her mother, first to Nebraska and later to Los Angeles in 1895. She again taught music at 6th and Hill, but by 1901, she took a job at a florist who shared quarters with a tourist information bureau.

In 1907, she was selected president of the Pacific Coast Travel club and commenced her career making and selling maps. During this time she studied all manner of railroad and engineering maps and put together six plates of an official map of the city, while working out of her office in the Los Angeles Times building. Unfortunately, all of these originals were destroyed when the Times building was bombed on October 1, 1910, forcing her to rebuild from scratch, while defending against pirated copies of her maps.

She became an aggressive litigant, preserving her map copyrights. Ultimately winning a substantial.

After the settlement, she set up shop in the Exchange Building where she created this fine map as well as one of the Pacific Electric Interurban Railway System that recalls all of the stations along the routes. The maps were announced in late January 1911 and published the next month with great success. The map seen here is very large and detailed, especially in the rail lines (which were Whitlock's passion). We can see the yellow lines of the LARY (Los Angeles Railway), the red lines of the PE (Pacific Electric) and the black of Glendale and Montrose railway. There is an excellent rendering of the Los Angeles River with many other landmarks present: Exposition Park before the Coliseum, Watts when it was agricultural, the early iterations of Hollywood, the Silver Lake reservoir, and Eagle Rock Valley, along with assorted neighborhoods (Pico Heights, Annandale, Boyle Heights, Arlington Heights). In the upper left is the San Fernando Valley, which became suddenly vital, upon its new nourishment, by the water of the Los Angeles Aqueduct.

The map is quite rare on the market, this being the first example we have ever seen offered for sale.

Detailed Condition: