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Plano de la Ciudad de Panama, y su Arrabal. Dale a luz Don Tomas Lopez, Geografo de los Dominios de S.M> Madrid ano de 1789.

Stock#: 53575
Map Maker: López
Date: 1789
Place: Madrid
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 15.5 x 16.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare early plan of Panama City, published in Madrid by Tomas Lopez.

Rare Spanish plan of Panama City, including some parts of the city outside the fortifications.

Hachuring is used to indicate contours and types of cultivation. The compass indicator shows magnetic variation, beside the title.

Includes a 13-line topographical and historical note beneath, and orientation to north and magnetic north. In upper right corner is a key to 34 features so numbered on the plan, plus a note on tides.

At lower left, below the neat line: "Se hallará con todas las obras del autor y las de su hijo, en Madrid, en la calle de Atocha frente la casa de los Gremios. Manzana 159 Numero 3."

Panama City

Panama City was founded on August 15, 1519, by Pedro Arias de Ávila. Within a few years of its founding, the city became a launching point for the exploration and conquest of Peru and a transit point for gold and silver headed back to Spain through the Isthmus.



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In 1671, Henry Morgan, with a band of 1400 men attacked and looted the city, which was subsequently destroyed by fire. The ruins of the old city still remain and are a popular tourist attraction known as Panamá la Vieja (Old Panama). It was rebuilt in 1673 in a new location approximately 5 miles southwest of the original city. This location is now known as the Casco Viejo (Old Quarter) of the city.

One year before the start of the California Gold Rush, the Panama Railroad Company was formed, but the railroad did not begin operation until 1855. Between 1848 and 1869, the year the first transcontinental railroad was completed in the United States, about 375,000 persons crossed the isthmus from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and 225,000 in the opposite direction. That traffic greatly increased the prosperity of the city during that period.

Detailed Condition: