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San Diego Bay California . . . 1895

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Map Maker: U.S. Coast & Geodetic Survey

Date: 1895

Place: Washington Color: Uncolored

Condition: VG

Size: 23.5 x 36 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare 1895 Coast & Geodetic Survey Chart of San Diego Bay, published February 1895.

The map extends north to La Jolla, La Hoya Valley (La Jolla Shores) and Rose Canyon and south to Otay Valley, the Tijuana River and the monument locating the southern boundary with Mexico.

This would seem to be the successor map to the 1857 large map of San Diego Bay, published by the US Coast Survey. At the right, an explanation of the survey work done between 1851 and 1894 is given, identifying 5 different sets of observations which went into the making of the chart.

Unlike its predecessor, which focused on the Bay and wetlands, the present map reflects a significant amount of urban development and topography in the interior parts of the map. Notably, there is a detailed



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treatment of La Jolla, showing "La Jolla Point Park" (an early attempt at subdividing the village) and the "Town Tank."

Pacific Beach is also shown in nice detail, including the line of the Pacific Beach & San Diego Steam Motor Railroad and the Pacific Beach Race Track. By contrast, Mission Beach is Pt. Medanos, with no sign of the redevelopment of the Bay which would occur in the coming decades.

San Diego (New Town) is now well established, with a "North San Diego" showing up north of Duck Flats.

A full town grid for Coronado appears, with the "Coronado Hotel" opposite Glorietta Bight. Across from Coronado and Spanish Bight is North Coronado Beach Island, with the La Playa Quarantine located across the bay entrance on Point Loma. The La Playa Quarantine Station was the place where ships inbound from foreign ports were checked for contagion.

The beginnings of Ocean Beach are present, as is National City.

A later edition was issued around 1917, with an inset of the entrance to the bay at the bottom left.

Rarity

This is the first time we have ever seen this chart.

OCLC locates 3 copies (Stanford, Huntington Library, UCSB).

Detailed Condition:

Repaired tear and some soiling.