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A Pictorial Map of Loveland

Stock#: 97630 **Map Maker:** Chase

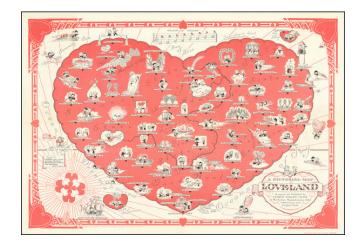
Date: 1943

Place: Winchester, MA

Color: Color **Condition:** VG

Size: 21.75 x 14.75 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

This pictorial map, designed and published circa 1943 by Ernest Dudley Chase, combines whimsical artistry with cartographic traditions, creating an imaginative representation of a heart-shaped land dedicated to the theme of love. Chase, a renowned greeting card designer and pictorial mapmaker, infuses his artistic prowess into the map, blending the emotional appeal of greeting cards with the precision of map-making.

During the early 1940s, a period marked by global conflict and uncertainty, Chase's work offered a creative and lighthearted departure from the era's prevailing sentiments. His maps, particularly those depicting fictional realms like Loveland, provided a form of escapism and whimsy. Loveland, with its heart-shaped geography and endearing illustrations, is a testament to Chase's ability to transpose the familiar format of a map into a vessel for artistic expression and sentimentality.

The map is adorned with a decorative border and conventional map elements, all adhering to the overarching theme of love. The compass rose is composed of a cluster of hearts pierced by arrows, symbolizing the map's romantic motif. The clever labeling and imagery throughout the map further reinforce its thematic coherence.

Rarity

Rare. Not in the Rumsey collection. This is the first time we have handled it (1992-2024).

Detailed Condition:

Folding map printed on front and back. Minor wear to folds.