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Chattanooga And Lookout Mountain

Stock#: 23307
Map Maker: American Fine Art Co. / Wellge
Date: 1897
Place: Milwaukee
Color: Color
Condition: Fine
Size: 24 x 13 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Flawless example of the scarce view of Chattanooga, Tennessee, by the American Fine Art Co. of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Fine birdseye view by one of the great city view artists of America. Between 1878 and 1910 Wellge published over 150 large scale views. The present work, drawn by Wellge for the Milwaukee firm the American Art Co., is one of a few late lithographs not published under his own name.

The view is taken from on top of Lookout Mountain, looking north. The city can be seen in the bend of the Tennessee River, with the river snaking away into the distance in both directions, to the left, the extreme northern end of Lookout Mountain is visible. In the lower right corner of the image is a small view of the mountain as viewed from the city. A nearly contemporary source gives the population of the city as 30,154 in 1900, and comments that the city 'was first settled in 1835, and was long known as Ross's Landing. It was incorporated in 1851 as Chattanooga, and received a city charter in 1866.'

The inset at the lower right is "Lookout Mountain, as seen from the City". There is a key in the base margin identifying sixteen landmarks. This includes the site of the "Battle Above the Clouds" - where in November of 1863 General Ulysses S. Grant defeated the Confederate Army and regained Union control over Tennessee.

Detailed Condition:

Tear at the center right, entering the printed image, expertly repaired on the verso