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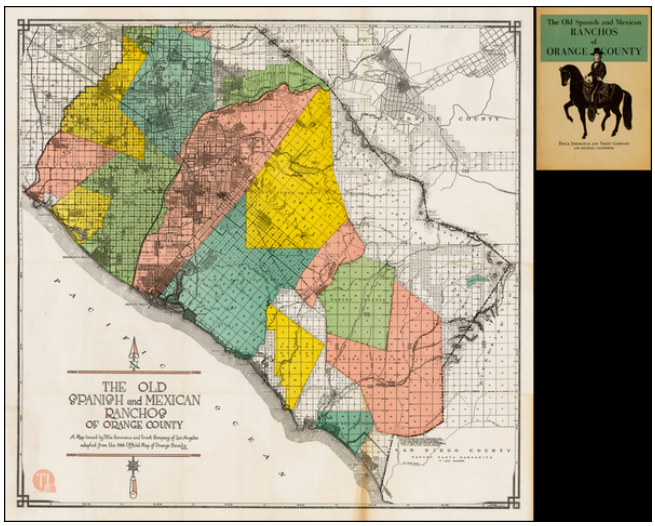
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The Old Spanish and Mexican Ranchos of Orange County California

Stock#: 36888
Map Maker: Title Insurance & Trust Company / Butler

Date: 1955
Place: Los Angles
Color: Color
Condition: VG
Size: 18 x 15.5 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Interest in the Spanish and Mexican Ranchos and the lack of good maps from the period make promotional pieces of this nature a wonderful revelation.

Pictorial map of Orange County in California showing the Spanish and Mexican land grant Ranchos, prior to California become a part of the United States. Contemporary locations are denoted, such as Irvine, Laguna Beach, Sunset Beach, Anaheim, Brea, Santa Ana, and Newport Beach. La Mission San Juan Capistrano is illustrated.

The ocean is decorated with whimsical illustrations, including a fish, whale, starfish, mythical creature, and a ship. Another large illustration shows a man in traditional Spanish dress playing the guitar and riding a donkey. The map was prepared for the Title Insurance and Trust Company, Los Angeles. The company issued this promotional map, presumably to encourage the purchase of land in Orange County using the firm's services, as well as to provide a resource for homeowners interested in the early history of their properties.

Lowell Butler created pictorial maps for publications of the Automobile Club of Southern California in the mid 1950s, including A Map of the Marked Historical Sites of California (c. 1952), Outdoor Play Places of California (c. 1954) and Spanish California: A Map of the Missions, Presidios, Pueblos and Some of the More Interesting Ranchos (c. 1956).

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