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Bird's Eye View of Pensacola, County Seat of Escambia County, Florida. The Only Natural Deep Harbor on the Gulf

Stock#: 39797
Map Maker: Koch
Date: 1896
Place: n.p.
Color: Color
Condition: Good
Size: 41 x 28 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare view of Pensacola, Florida, published by Augustus Koch , *with the copyright held by Thomas C. Watson & Co.*

Koch's view of Pensacola shows the city as a thriving port metropolis on Pensacola Bay, "30 Miles Long and 4 to 5 Miles Wide Entirely Land-Locked and With Good Anchorage."

A key locates 70 points of interest.

Augustus Koch began his career as an itinerate birdseye view artist in California in 1870. Over the next nearly 30 years, he would criss-cross the country, creating more than 100 views of towns, large and small. His large format, highly detailed views are among the most coveted among collectors, employing a unique style which provides both physical detail of the town and a map-like quality.

Koch's view of Pensacola is very rare. OCLC locates only a single example, which is a 1976 facsimile. We also note an example illustrated in a thesis entitled *BETWEEN THE BAYOUS: THE MARITIME CULTURAL LANDSCAPE OF THE DOWNTOWN PENSACOLA WATERFRONT*, Kendra Ann Kennedy, 2010 (University of West Florida), listing the location of the view as the University of West Florida.

Thomas Watson & Co. of Pensacola also produced a Map of Pensacola in 1903, which survives in 2 known examples.

Detailed Condition:



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Extensively repaired, with areas of facsimile. The whole laid on linen, in order to support paper weakness and repairs. The reddish discoloration is apparently some sort of varnish-like substance which was painted onto the surface of the map at an early date.