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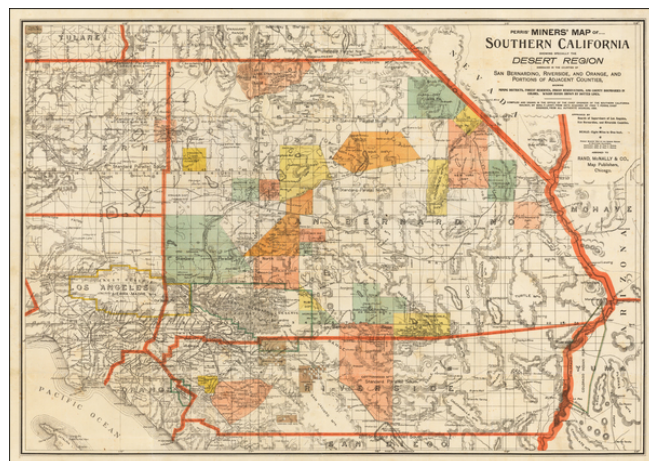
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Perris' Miners' Map of Southern California Showing Specially The Desert Region Embraced In The Counties of San Bernardino, Riverside and Orange, and Portions of Adjacent Counties, Showing Mining Districts, Forest Reserves, Indian Reservations, And County Boundaries In Colors. . . 1896

Stock#: 49956
Map Maker: Perris

Date: 1896 (1902)
Place: Chicago
Color: Color
Condition: VG
Size: 34.5 x 24 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare Mining Map of Southern California

Rare map of the Desert Region of Southern California, focusing in on the regions Mining Districts, Forest Reserves and Indian Reservations.

The map is criss-crossed with early Southern California Railroads, with wagon roads shown in dotted lines. This was a time period when Southern California Business and Government interests were attempting to irrigate much of the region with Colorado River and local mountain water supplies.

Compiled by Fred. T. Perris, one of the most influential mapmakers in this region at the end of the 19th Century, the map provides a rich tapestry of early details, coming shortly after the first Southern California real estate boom period.

The map indicates the major mining regions with swaths of color. Mining Districts shown include:

- Lone Star District
- Clark District
- Rand District (Johannesburg, Randsburg, etc.)
- Fremonts District
- Alvord District



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- Grapeville District
- Calico District (Califco Ghost Town)
- Solo District
- Vanderbilt District
- New York District
- Exchequer District
- Sacramento District
- Trojan District
- Ord Mountain District
- Lava Bed District
- Dry Lake District
- Oro Grande District
- Ruby District
- Morongo District
- 29 Palms District
- Virginia Dale District
- Menifee District (Temecula, etc.)
- Pinagate District

In addition, the lands reserved for the Mission Indians and the Tule River Indians are shown in Brown.

Several major forestry reserves are located, including the Los Angeles / Sierra Madre Forest Reserve, San Bernardino Forest Reserve, Mount Trabuco Forest Reserve.

The first edition of the map was reviewed in the Book Review Section of Volume 15 of *The Medical Age* (1897) at page 535, which included the following entry:

Miners' Map Of Southern California. By Benjamin F. Levet and Fred T. Perris. Paper; 38x26 inches. Price, 50 cents. Rand, McNally & Co., Chicago.

This is a very desirable map of Southern California, and it especially shows the desert region embraced in the counties of San Bernardino, Riverside, and Orange, as well as portions of adjacent counties; it also exhibits mining districts, forest reserves, Indian reservations, and county boundaries in colors; likewise wagon roads.



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*Besides the above form it can also be had in cloth at seventy-five cents; as a wall map with
paper back at same price; with cloth back for \$1 50.*

Fred T. Perris

Fred Thomas Perris (1836 - 1916) was Chief Engineer of the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad, who oversaw the construction of the last leg of the Second Transcontinental Railroad from Barstow, California through El Cajon Pass and down to San Bernardino and Los Angeles, a task that employed six thousand laborers, and is still in use by BNSF Railway and Union Pacific Railroad. He also laid track from Riverside, California to San Diego, California laying out a series of town sites along the track, one of which, Perris, California was named in his honor.

Perris was born in Gloucester, England, but moved to Australia when he was 12. In 1853, he moved again to San Bernardino, California, which was then an early Mormon settlement, where he was employed as a chain boy on an early surveying crew. In 1857, when the San Bernardino community failed, Perris moved to Salt Lake City. After briefly attempting a career as a photographer, Perris worked as a surveyor on the transcontinental railroad, then tried various businesses, including being one of the founders of the Salt Lake City Tribune.

In 1874, Perris moved back to San Bernardino, where he soon became the County Surveyor, where he was responsible for surveying and laying the foundations for the water system in America's largest county. When railroads came to the area he first went to work as Chief Engineer of the California Southern Railroad, a company chartered to build a rail line between San Diego on the coast and Barstow in the desert. When it was taken over in a merger, he advanced to Chief Engineer of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway, where he remained for the next 35 years. For a more complete life history of Fred Perris, click here: www.ci.san-bernardino.ca.us/about/history/fred_t_perris.asp

Rarity

The map is of the utmost rarity. We note two examples of the 1896 edition in OCLC (Library of Congress and UC Riverside) and only a single example of this 1902 edition (History Colorado).

Detailed Condition:

Restored and flattened.