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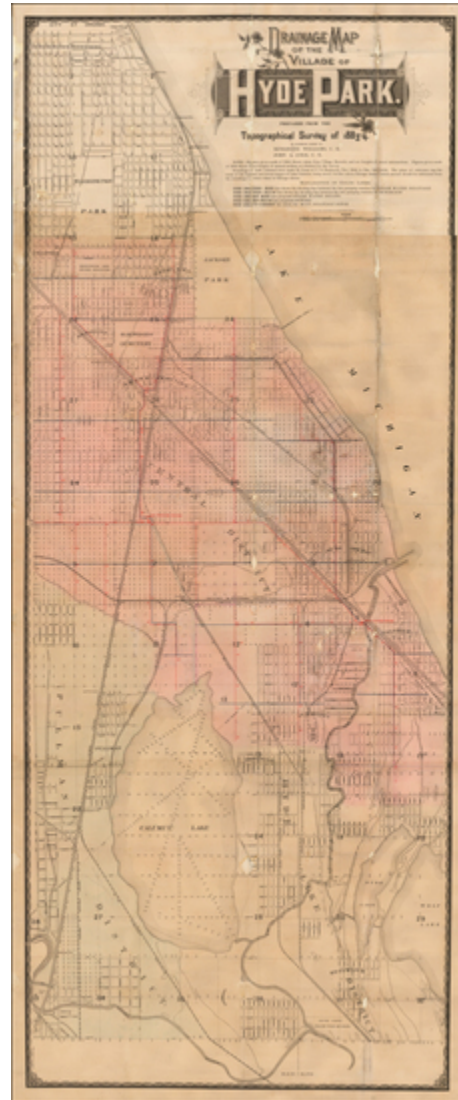
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**Drainage Map of the Village of Hyde Park. Prepared From The Topographical Survey of
1883-84 To Accompany Report of Benezette Williams, C.E. John A Cole, C.E.**

Stock#: 52321
Map Maker: Rand McNally & Company
Date: 1884
Place: Chicago
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG-
Size: 28.5 x 69.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Unrecorded Mammoth Map of Hyde Park Township

Remarkable oversized map of Hyde Park Township, illustrating the township and its drainage system, prepared using the topographical survey completed in 1883-84.



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This would also seem to be one of the earliest surviving maps of all of Hyde Park. Will several smaller maps illustrate portions of the Township, we find not other Hyde Park maps in OCLC which cover the entire township.

The map identifies streets, parks, railroad lines, Calumet Lake, Calumet River, Kake Hyde, Lake Wolf, The United States Rolling Stock Co.'s Shops, Brown Iron & Steel Works, Washington Ice Company and a number of train stations.

This without question the largest and one of the earliest maps of Hyde Park, published 5 years before Hyde Park became part of the City of Chicago and 6 years before the University of Chicago relocated its campus to Hyde Park in 1890.

Hyde Park History

In 1853, Paul Cornell, a real estate speculator and cousin of Cornell University founder Ezra Cornell, purchased 300 acres between 51st and 55th streets along the shore of Lake Michigan. The land was located seven miles south of Downtown Chicago in a rural area that enjoyed weather tempered by the lake - cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter. It was conveniently located near the Illinois Central Railroad, which had been constructed two years earlier. Cornell successfully negotiated land in exchange for a railroad station at 53rd Street. Hyde Park quickly became a popular suburban retreat for affluent Chicagoans who wanted to escape the noise and congestion of the rapidly growing city.

In 1857, the Hyde Park House, an upscale hotel, was built on the shore of Lake Michigan near the 53rd Street railroad station. For two decades, the Hyde Park House served as a focal point of Hyde Park social life. During this period, it was visited or lived in by many prominent guests, including Mary Todd Lincoln, who lived there with her children for two and a half months in the summer of 1865 (shortly after her husband was assassinated). The Hyde Park House burned down in an 1879 fire. The Sisson Hotel was built on the site in 1918 and was eventually converted into a condominium building (the Hampton House).

In 1861, Hyde Park was incorporated as an independent township (called Hyde Park Township). Its boundaries were Pershing Road (39th Street) on the north, 138th Street on the south, State Street on the west, and Lake Michigan and the Indiana state line on the east. The territory of the township encompassed most of what is now the South Side of Chicago. Hyde Park Township remained independent of Chicago until it was annexed to the city in 1889. After annexation, the definition of Hyde Park as a Chicago neighborhood was restricted to the historic core of the former township, centered on Cornell's initial development between 51st and 55th streets near the lakefront.



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Rarity

The map is unrecorded. We locate no examples at auction or in any dealer catalog or institutional collection.

Detailed Condition:

Some losses at old folds and fold intersections and some minor staining. Backed with an archival paper backing.