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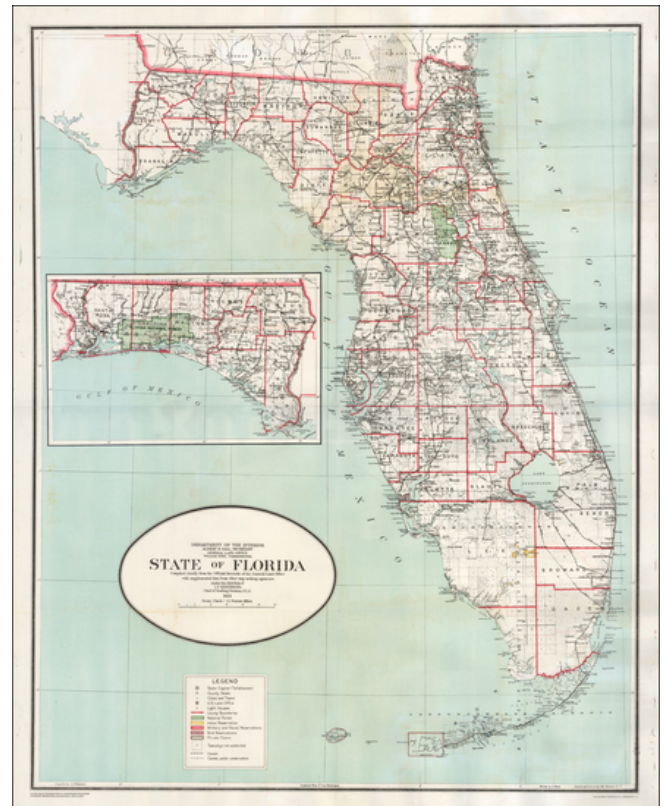
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with supplemental data from other map making agencies . . . 1923**

**Stock#:** 57133  
**Map Maker:** General Land Office  
**Date:** 1923  
**Place:** Washington, D.C.  
**Color:** Color  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 31.5 x 40 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



**Description:**

Fine large format map of Florida, compiled by the General Land Office.

Among the more noteworthy elements of the map is the completed route of the Florida East Coast Railway, which had by 1912 reached Key West.

One of the other primary features of the map are the canals froming from Lake Okeechobee to the Atlantic, including the Miami Canal, North New River, Hillsboro Canal, West Palm Beach Canal and Lucie Canal.

The State of Florida embarked on an ambitious program of Everglades drainage in 1906. Its goal was to provide fertile new lands for agriculture. Two years later, a dredge started digging a drainage ditch near the headwaters of the Miami River, and by 1913, the Miami Canal connected the river with Lake Okeechobee, while the water from the swampland was carried out to sea along connecting waterways.



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Everglades Reclamation (or drainage) led to the birth of a feverish real estate industry for Miami and much of southeast Florida as large speculators purchased millions of acres of reclaimed land from the State of Florida, then marketed it aggressively in many parts of the nation. The unsavory sales tactics of promoters who sold unwitting investors land that was underwater earned for Miami an enduring reputation for marketing "land by the gallon."

By 1910, Miami's population had soared to nearly 5,500, while the number of tourists and new business establishments rose sharply. Twelfth Street, today's Flagler Street, had eclipsed Avenue D as Miami's most important thoroughfare becoming the address for the city's leading business establishments. Twelfth Street's cachet continued to rise with the opening of the Burdine department store's new five-story building, the city's first "skyscraper," in 1912.

**Detailed Condition:**