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Map of Oil Fields Showing the Holdings of Knox Oil Co

Stock#: 57588
Map Maker: Knox Oil Co
Date: 1916 circa
Place: Austin, TX
Color: Color
Condition: VG-
Size: 13.5 x 8.25 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Extremely Rare Early Texas Oil Promotional Map, Featuring the First Oil Fields of the Texas Oil Industry.

Separately issued promotional map printed in black (showing geographical features including towns and railroads) and red (showing the oil leases of the Knox Oil Company). The map focuses on Houston and shows the oil field where the Texas industry began (Spindletop) and continued its early growth.

This is the most focused and illustrative early Texas oil map that we have seen. Early oil industry maps are extremely scarce on the market; we have also had [this pictorial map of the East Texas Oil Field](#), but we have never seen another map that broadly illustrates the birthplace of Texas oil around Houston like this one does.

Oil Fields

The map features the major early Texas oil fields centered around Houston. Each field is represented by a forest of derricks and is a who's-who of the first fields of the Texas oil boom. The following fields are illustrated:

- Spindle Top (1901)
- High Island (sporadically from 1901)
- Liberty Field (sporadically from 1901)
- Batson (1904)
- Saratoga (1901)
- Sour Lake (1901)
- Davis Hill



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- Humble (1905)
- Barbers Hill (1916)
- Goose Creek (1903)
- Brazoria-Galveston Border
- Damond [sic] Mound (1915)
- West Harris County

Knox Oil Co

The map implies that Knox Oil Co was a major player in the Texas oil industry, with 14 leases spread across the early fields. In reality, this was not the case. Like many boomtime companies, Knox did not become a major producer and left little trace in the historical record. A newspaper article from the 1920s says that Knox Oil Co. was acquired by Roxana Petroleum, a subsidiary of Royal Dutch Shell.

Rarity

No copies located in OCLC, nor in RBH, nor in any other database searches.

Detailed Condition:

Printed in black and red. Some expert restorations of tears and two spots of loss. Some toning.