

# **Barry Lawrence Ruderman Antique Maps Inc.**

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### A Sky View of Pasadena's Busy Business Center

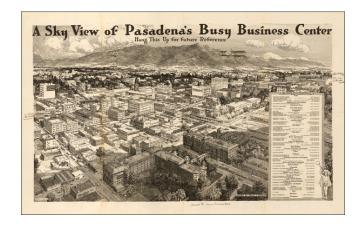
**Stock#:** 58136jc **Map Maker:** Brown

Date: 1921
Place: Pasadena
Color: Uncolored

**Condition:** Good

**Size:**  $35 \times 21$  inches

**Price:** SOLD



#### **Description:**

#### Frank E. Brown Rarity

Rare bird's-eye view of Pasadena, published by one of California's best regarded early 20th Century view artist's, Frank E. Brown.

The map is unusual in its focus on the downtown business district, with numerous buildings located by name and only the Pacific Electric Mt. Lowe Railway and Altadena Country Club Park shown by name in the distance.

The bi-plane appears to be flying more or less above the area of the current Pasadena Convention Center. Interestingly, Vroman's Book Store is one of the few commercial locations on the map which is still in the location shown.

The view includes hand written annotations in the margins by an early owner, including a note that "Jim's Store 1 Block West on Union," and "Los Robles Ave. we are 7 blocks South."

#### **Rarity**

We find no record of this view, other than the presentation of the view to the copyright office in 1921. A similar view of Long Beach, California "down town, from mid-air," was presented by Frank E. Brown for copyright, also in 1921.

Brown also illustrated a rare promotional view of Avalon Bay (Catalina) in 1925.



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#### **Detailed Condition:**

Fold split, expertly repaired on verso, with some minor loss (to the right of So. Fair Oaks).