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Map Maker: Dozier
Date: 1913
Place: Santa Barbara
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 19 x 27 inches
Price: \$750.00



Description:

The Original Dozier Plan for Development of Hope Ranch

Fine blue line contour map of Hope Ranch, executed by A.W. Dozier. This is the survey of Hope Ranch which would ultimately form the basis for its development by Harold Chase in 1923, illustrating the original 89 lots contemplated by its developers at the time. Only Lake Drive (now Lago Drive) retains a similar name (Barry spent his childhood going to Thanksgiving at my aunt and uncle's house at the corner of Lago and Estrella in the 1960s and 1970s).

While the street names were not used, this the street plan shown is identical to the current Hope Ranch.

Hope Ranch History

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The first private owner of land that would become known as Hope Ranch was Lt. Narcisco Fabregat of the Santa Barbara Presidio who was called to Santa Barbara to fight the notorious pirate, Bouchard. Fabregat received the land in a grant from Governor, Manuel Micheltorena on May 16, 1843.

In 1861, Thomas Hope (after whom the Ranch was ultimately named) bought the property for a sum of \$8,000. Hope was an Irishman who immigrated to the United States when he was 16 and began working in the cattle and sheep industry. He turned this into a prosperous business and settled in Santa Barbara after spotting the ideal location for his flock of sheep that had grown to 5,000 strong. The need for wool to make uniforms for the soldiers fighting in the Civil War created a lucrative market for his operation.

After Thomas Hope died in January, 1876, Hope divided the land among his six children. In 1887, the owners of the Southern Pacific Railroad purchased a portion of the land for \$250,000 from Hope's widow and laid railroad tracks and started plans for a tourist hotel surrounded by large estates. By 1899, the idea for the hotel had been scrapped, but development continued, with construction of a 3,000 foot water tunnel and irrigation system.

By 1908, the company was ready to market the land according to subdivision plans completed by A.W. Dozier. However, the initial sales were poor and most activity in Hope Ranch centered around the Potter Country Club, which would later be renamed the La Cumbre Gold and Country Club, which was founded in 1908.

In 1919, G. Maurice Heckscher next attempted to complete the Hope Ranch Development, but was unsuccessful, optioning the eastern half of the project to another developer, who attempted to create a plan which included hundreds of 50 foot wide lots facing the Ocean, rather than the original 89 lots created by the Dozier Plan. This project also failed.

In 1923, Harold Chase acquired the eastern portion and altered the full ranch. He proceeded with the installation of roads, utilities and bridle trails and laid the groundwork for the creation of a residential community. He then began the process of selling lots in the Ranch to people who wished to make this their home. Within 20 years, the first 100 houses had been constructed in the Ranch.

Detailed Condition: