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(Greenwich Village) Map Showing the Boundaries as they Existed One Hundred Years Ago and the Present Maps of the Burling, Brevoort, Sailors' Snug Harbour and other Estates.

Stock#: 61060

Map Maker: Bute Holmes

Date: 1882
Place: New York
Color: Hand Colored

Condition: VG

Size: 30 x 38.5 inches

Price: \$ 3,500.00



Description:

Antique Map of Greenwich Village, Focusing on the Area Between Washington Square Park and Union Square.

This is a John Bute Holmes 1882 cadastral map of eastern Greenwich Village, one of New York City's most famous neighborhoods, the cradle of the LGBT movement, and the home of New York University. The map depicts the neighborhood from Sixth Avenue to Fourth Avenue and from 18th Street to Waverly Place and Washington Square Park. Highly detailed, Holmes visually conveys the history of the development of this part of Greenwich Village, with the original lots illustrated in dotted lines superimposed over the street grid and the much smaller lots that make up the city blocks. Each lot within each city block is identified numerically. A brief history of the ownership of estates and other tracts in the neighborhood is printed on the map along the left side and the bottom.



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Provenance

This map was acquired as a part of a large collection of New York cadastral maps associated with the layer Ronald K. Brown, a Deed Commissioner operating in the late 19th and early 20th century with an office at 76 Nassau Street, New York - not far from Holmes' own office. Most of the maps in the collection, including the present map, bear Brown's stamp on the verso. The maps were passed to Dominic Anthony Trotta, a real estate agent working under Brown. Brown seems to have ceased business around 1919, but Trotta continued as a real estate agent, becoming a New York Tax Commissioner in 1934 under the Fiorello H. La Guardia administration. The maps remained with Trotta's heirs until our acquisition of the collection.

Publication History and Census

This map was created and published by John Bute Holmes in 1882. It is of considerable rarity. The OCLC identifies only 3 examples: at Princeton, the New York State Library, and Harvard. Although uncatalogued, we believe the New York Public Library has an example.

Detailed Condition:

Good. Original linen exhibits some verso reinforcement. Minor wear and some damage along original fold lines. Verso repairs to fold separations. Even overall toning.