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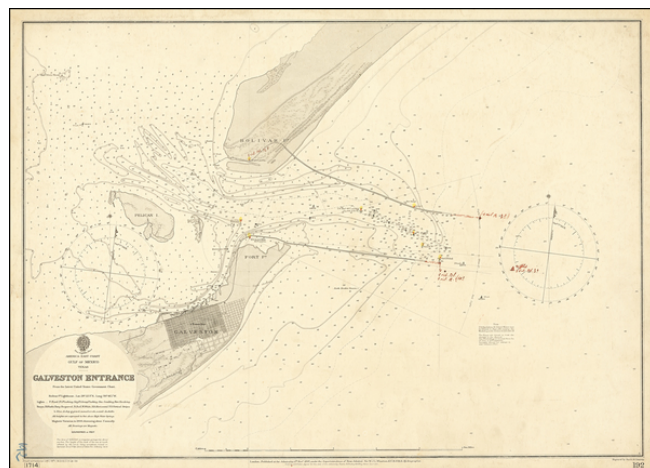
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Map Maker: British Admiralty
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Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 26 x 18 inches
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Description:

Galveston in the Year of The Great Hurricane (1900)

Scarce separately published map of the area around Galveston, Texas, published by the British Admiralty. The coding at the bottom left of the map suggest this is the third revision in 1900, and therefore likely updated and issued shortly after the Great Hurricane of 1900. The Great Galveston hurricane was the deadliest natural disaster in United States history, one of the deadliest hurricanes (or remnants) to affect Canada, and the fourth-deadliest Atlantic hurricane overall.

Includes contemporary annotations, in red, apparently illustrating an extension of the sea walls in the Channel entrance.

Galveston Harbor

During the late 19th century, the port was the busiest on the Gulf Coast and the second busiest in the United States. The main export was cotton.

The Galveston Wharf Company took control of the port in 1869 and constructed the first grain elevator in 1875, resulting in Galveston becoming a major grain export hub by the end of the 19th Century.

The port survived the Galveston Hurricane of 1900 relatively unscathed, but the railroad connecting the island to the mainland suffered significant damage. In response to the hurricane, city leaders dredged the ship channel to raise the island's grade, converting Galveston to a deep-water port. By the time World War I began, Galveston was the leading cotton port in the world, the third largest exporter of wheat, and



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