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A Romance Map of the Northern Gateway

Stock#: 62390
Map Maker: Hall
Date: 1934 (1951)
Place: Buffalo, NY
Color: Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 18 x 22.5 inches
Price: \$295.00



Description:

Second state of Eleanor Hall's map of the area centered on Lake Champlain.

The map shows the area around Lake Champlain including parts of New York, Vermont, and Quebec (Lake Champlain at top, Albany at lower edge of map). Pictographs represent industries, historical figures and events, ships, etc.

As noted on the La Jolla Map Museum Website:

Hall's history map of the Champlain-Hudson Valley, first published in 1934, is one of nine "Romance Maps" published after the inspiration of Josephine W. Wickser, who had published "A Romance Map of the Niagara Frontier" in 1931. "Like Wickser's "Niagara Frontier", Hall's map focused on the Indian, French, British, and American periods. The title cartouche displayed portraits of French explorer Samuel de Champlain and military leaders Marquis de



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Montcalm, General John Burgoyne, General Philip Schuyler, and Commander Thomas Macdonough. Hall was particularly concerned with defining the regional extent of her map. Faced with the narrative problem of telling a story over space, Hall used Burgoyne's disastrous military campaign as the major historical event that defined the boundaries of her map. From the Richelieu River in the north to Albany in the south, Hall told the multiple, sometimes overlapping stories of the Champlain and Upper Hudson valleys during the colonial and early republic periods... Like many creators of pictorial maps, Hall researched and compiled the content of her map, then hired an artist to draw the illustrations and cartography. Wickser had worked with Carlo Nisita on two maps and recommended him to Hall" (Hornsby).

Detailed Condition: