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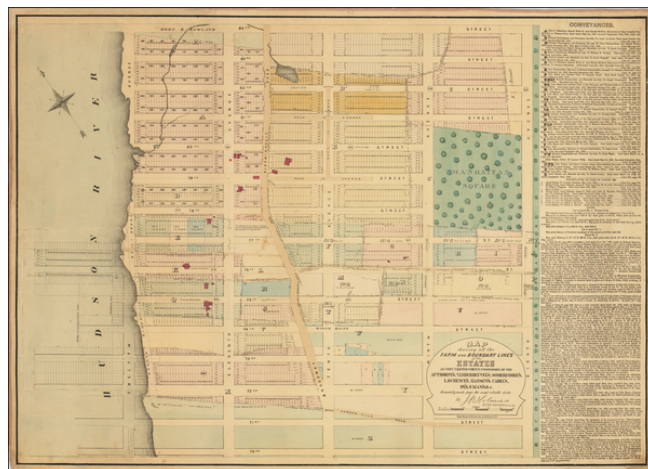
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Map showing all the Farm and Boundary Lines of the Estates as they existed when in possession of the Apthorpe's, Vanderheuvell's, Sommerdike's, Lawrence's, Harsen's, Cadel's, Dykeman's and c.

Stock#: 63104
Map Maker: Bute Holmes
Date: 1874
Place: New York
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 39 x 28 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare Separately-Issued Antique Map of the Upper West Side, New York City.

One of only four known examples of John Bute Holmes's circa 1874 cadastral map of the Upper West Side of Manhattan. The map covers from 70th street to 84th street and from the Hudson River to Central Park, including Manhattan Square, where the American Museum of Natural History would be constructed in 1874. This area comprises the earliest developed part of the Upper West Side and, with the construction of Central Park, flourished as one of Manhattan's most desirable neighborhoods.

Publication History and Census

This map was published by John Bute Holmes sometime between 1874 and 1878, probably on the earlier side given the absence of the Natural History Museum in Manhattan Square. It was engraved and lithographed by the firm of Mayer, Merkel, and Ottmann, who were located at 22-24 Church Street during this 4-year period. There is only one edition.

Holmes' cadastral maps are today all extremely rare. Of the present map, only three examples are cited in the OCLC with the NYPL possibly holding an uncatalogued fourth. The only example that is known to have changed hand privately in the last 50 years appeared at Swann Galleries in 1986. The present map is owned jointly by Geographicus Rare Antique Maps and Barry Lawrence Ruderman Rare Maps.



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Detailed Condition:

Contemporary publisher's hand-color. Backed on linen, with some old paper cracks repaired on verso. Original selvage.