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Map of the Common Lands From 42nd to 59th Street. . . As Surveyed and Mapped in 1796, by Cassimer T. H. Goerck. . .

Stock#: 64193
Map Maker: Bute Holmes
Date: 1874
Place: New York
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: Good
Size: 29 x 33.5 inches
Price: \$ 2,900.00



Description:

Fascinating map of the Upper East Side by one of New York's most eccentric mapmakers.

Superb large format, separately issued map of part of the Fashion District in Manhattan, by one of New York's most fascinating mapmakers, John Bute Holmes.

This map is bounded by 42nd Street in the south, 59th Street in the north, Seventh Avenue (now in Central Park) in the west, and Third Avenue in the east.

The map shows the old grid of streets overlaying the current modern layout.

The map shows how the old thoroughfares of the Upper East Side became the streets and avenues we know today. The Middle Road became Fifth Avenue; the East Road became Fourth Avenue and then Park Avenue, etc. The map shows the Eastern Post Road, Steuben St. Cross Road or Lowe's Lane, Albany Avenue, and Bloomingdale Road.



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Provenance

This map was acquired as a part of a large collection of New York cadastral maps associated with the lawyer 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 1874. Two examples are identified in the OCLC as part of institutional collections at the New York State Library and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Although uncatalogued, we believe that the New York Public Library also has an example.

Detailed Condition:

Good. Laid down on fresh linen. Small areas of infill. Blank on verso.