



Barry Lawrence Ruderman Antique Maps Inc.

7407 La Jolla Boulevard
La Jolla, CA 92037

www.raremaps.com

(858) 551-8500
blr@raremaps.com

Concentrated Rail Roads & Canals to Pensacola (with Report of the Presidents and Directors of the Alabama and Florida Railroad Company of Florida, to the Stockholders in Convention, July 26, 1856, at Pensacola . . . 1856

Stock#: 65296
Map Maker: Alabama and Florida Railroad Company
Date: 1856
Place: Washington D.C.
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 22 x 16 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

An Early Attempt To Connect Pensacola Throughout the South

Nice example of this scarce map and report, showing the transit lines by Rail and Canal to Pensacola in 1856.

The company's ambitious plan was to create lines extending to Nashville, Tuscaloosa, Mobile, Columbus (GA), Brunswick (GA), Charleston and Savannah.

The map illustrates the lines of the Alabama & Florida in the year it acquired 400,000 acres of land to complete the line from between Pensacola and Montgomery, Alabama.

The vast majority of the lines shown in red on the map are noted as either "Proposed" or "In Progress".

Alabama & Florida Railroad Company of Florida

The Alabama and Florida Railroad Company of Alabama (also known as the Alabama & City of Montgomery Railroad Company) received land between from the United States government between Mobile and Montgomery in 1836. However, the company fell victim to the panic of 1837 and construction was not begun until 1850.

In May of 1856 the company secured a land grant of nearly 400,000 acres to complete the railroad



**Barry Lawrence Ruderman
Antique Maps Inc.**

7407 La Jolla Boulevard
La Jolla, CA 92037

www.raremaps.com

(858) 551-8500
blr@raremaps.com

Concentrated Rail Roads & Canals to Pensacola (with Report of the Presidents and Directors of the Alabama and Florida Railroad Company of Florida, to the Stockholders in Convention, July 26, 1856, at Pensacola . . . 1856

between Pensacola, Florida and Montgomery, Alabama. The track was completed between the two cities in 1861.

Following the Civil War the company was forced to take a government loan to buy new locomotives and boxcars to continue operations in the region. By 1868 the Mobile & Great Northern Railroad Company and the Alabama & Florida Railroad Company merged to form the Mobile and Montgomery Railroad. The track between Mobile and Pensacola was finally completed in 1872.

On January 21, 1880, the property of the Mobile and Montgomery Railroad Company, including its right of way and railroad, was transferred to the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company.

Rarity

We were unable to locate another example of either the map or the report.

Detailed Condition:

Minor foxing