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**Bird's Eye View of the Town of Nantucket State of Massachusetts. Looking Southwest.
1881.**

Stock#: 68674
Map Maker: Stoner
Date: 1881
Place: Madison, Wisconsin
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: See Description
Size: 27.5 x 19.25 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Hands-Down the Best Bird's-Eye View of Nantucket.

Beautifully hand-colored two-stone lithograph bird's-eye view looking southwest over Nantucket, Massachusetts, published by the master viewmaker J.J. Stoner in 1881.

The numerous wharves of the inner harbor hint at Nantucket's days as one of the foremost whaling ports in the world, however, by 1881 that industry had long since faded. Whaling had been replaced by tourism as Nantucket's primary industry, and this view does much to underline that fact; there is a swimming pier in the harbor along with plenty of small pleasure craft, a large swimming beach is shown in the lower right corner overflowing with patrons, a baseball game is played nearby.

A total of 36 buildings are noted in a key below the image, among these are a series of eight "Houses" - early hotels in the area - with their proprietors listed. Four of these houses (Ocean House, Sherburne House, Springfield House, and Ocean View House, Sconset Beach) are illustrated in inset views at the bottom of the sheet. Miacomet Pond, Hummock Pond, the Prospect Hill, Friends', and North Cemeteries are also identified.

In the upper right corner is an inset view of Siasconset and the Sankaty Head Light House.

J.J. Stoner was one of the most prolific publishers of bird's-eye views in 19th century America. He often worked with Milwaukee-based printers Beck & Pauli, who lithographed this view. This is among the rarest and most sought-after of the Stoner views.



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Detailed Condition:

Expertly remargined. Top left and right decorative corners partially replaced in expert facsimile. Tears into the image repaired and retouched. Backed on archival tissue. Extensively, but expertly, restored, presenting as a Very Good or better copy of the view.