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Toledo Ohio 1876

Stock#: 70446
Map Maker: Ruger
Date: 1876
Place: Madison, WI
Color: Color
Condition: VG
Size: 26 x 13.5 inches
Price: \$2,800.00



Description:

Rare early view of Toledo, Ohio, drawn by Albert Ruger, published by J.J. Stoner of Madison, Wisconsin, and printed in Chicago by Charles Shober & Company.

As note on the Library of Congress website:

This panoramic map shows Toledo, Ohio, as it appeared in 1876. . . . The map shows a busy harbor and major points of interest, including freight elevators, the city's many churches, and the depot of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway, the main rail line between Chicago and Buffalo.

The panoramic map was a cartographic form in popular use to depict U.S. and Canadian cities and towns in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Also known as bird's-eye views or perspective maps, these maps are representations of cities portrayed as if viewed from above at an oblique angle. Not generally drawn to scale, they show street patterns, individual buildings, and major landscape features in perspective.

This map is by Albert Ruger (1829-99), the first American to achieve success as a panoramic artist. Born in Prussia, Ruger immigrated to the United States and worked initially as a mason. While serving with the Ohio Volunteers during the Civil War, he drew views of Union campsites. After the war, Ruger settled in Battle Creek, Michigan, where he began his panoramic mapping career by sketching Michigan cities. In the late 1860s, Ruger formed a partnership with J.J. Stoner of Madison, Wisconsin, and together they published numerous city panoramas.



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Rarity

The view is very rare. We note only a single example at auction in the past 30 years.

OCLC locates 4 examples.

Detailed Condition:

Repaired tear in bottom margin, below and to the right of the last O in Toledo, not affecting printed image.
Short repaired tear at right margin, not affecting printed image.