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Paint-Brush Map of Wyoming

Stock#: 71734
Map Maker: Carrigen
Date: 1938
Place: Casper, Wyoming
Color: Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 11.5 x 8.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Whimsical map of Wyoming in the style of Jo Mora, by Thomas G. Carrigen.

The map is depicted as a canvas being painted by four Native Americans, two standing on the ground and two on ladders.

The map shows recreational activities such as skiing, bronco riding and fishing, and others referring to the state's history. These are generally irreverent. Yellowstone Park has the slogan, "It's All Yours," decorated with a geyser and waving park rangers under slogans such as "Don't feed the bears," and "Yes, fishing is free." A banjo-playing settler is perched atop a covered wagon blazoned "Oregon or Bust," while a woman pokes her head out the back under the comment, "Do we go by way of Hollywood?" In Hell's Half Acre, a red devil brandishing a pitchfork chases away a frightened couple.

Thomas G. (Tom) Carrigen served in the army for two years during World War I, and after the war worked a variety of jobs before opening a photography studio in Casper, Wyoming, in 1922. Carrigen operated the business for over 35 years, retiring in 1958. He left behind a collection of approximately 30,000 images of portraits, events and landscapes, which are housed in the collection of the Wyoming State Archives as a significant documentary record of mid-20th-century Casper.

Detailed Condition: