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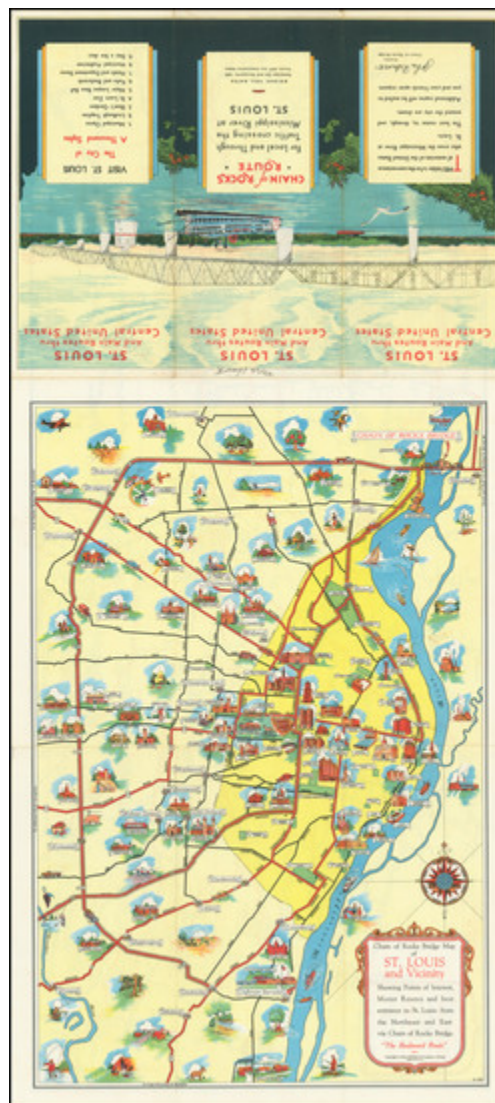
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Chain of Rocks Bridge Map of St. Louis and Vicinity

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Description:

Pictorial map of the area around St. Louis, promoting the Chain of Rocks Bridge across the Mississippi River.

The pictorial map of St. Louis illustrates the main auto roads throughout St. Louis and vicinity with the Chain of Rocks Bridge in the North. The pictorial map is filled with historical and other bucolic images of the area.



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On the verso is a road map of Central United States in red blue and white, showing roads, dirt roads, state highways, U.S. highways, distances, major cities and towns.

Chain of Rocks Bridge

In 1929, the brothers John R. Scott and Tom J. Scott, established a 4 mile road from Mitchell to the east bank of the Mississippi where they had constructed an unusal toll bridge. Only twenty feet wide, the bridge had a right turn in the middle, and afforded users an unparalleled view of the Chain of Rocks and the buildings which housed the pumps for the St. Louis waterworks.

Planning the Chain of Rocks bridge began in 1924, two years before U.S. 66 was designated, as a means of shortening the trip between Chicago and St. Louis.

The curious bend in the bridgewas the result of the designers' inability to find the necessary bedrock to make a straight bridge across the river.

When the bridge on July 20, 1929, Missouri and Illinois failed to mark it on their official maps and the tolls proved insufficient to sustain the commercial venture. After 10 years, they sold the bridge to the City of Madison, Illinois in 1939.

Detailed Condition: