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Bird's Eye View of the City of Brockton, Plymouth County, Mass. Looking Southwest. 1882

Stock#: 76493
Map Maker: Stoner / Beck & Pauli
Date: 1882
Place: Madison, Wisconsin
Color: Uncolored
Condition: Good
Size: 38 x 25 inches
Price: \$ 875.00



Description:

The Shoe Capital of America

Fine large format view of Brockton, Massachusetts, drawn by local artist Albert Poole.

The following description is excerpted from the description of the copy at the Leventhal Center of the Boston Public Library:

Albert Poole, a native son of Brockton, drew this view of his home town one year after it was incorporated as a city.

. . . the community was included in the town of North Bridgewater when it was established in 1821. Before the Civil War, the village became a center for manufacturing shoes and during it processed large orders of boots for the U.S. Army. . . by the end of the 19th century, Brockton was the largest shoe-producing city in the United States.

When Poole drew this image, Brockton had a population of approximately 14,000. The view demonstrates how dependent the town's economy was on the manufacture of shoes. Of the fifty-three manufacturing establishments identified in the legend, at least forty-five were involved in the making of shoes [and] Sixteen of [the vignettes] depict shoe factories.

Viewed from the northeast looking southwest. . . this image focuses on the city's central business or commercial district.



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. . . Poole started his career at a clerk and school principal in Brockton, but began producing bird's eye views in 1880. The Brockton view was one of his earliest, and during his active career as a bird's eye artist from 1880 to 1905, he published an additional forty-five views, primarily of Massachusetts and other New England towns.

Detailed Condition:

Uneven toning and soiling. Dampstain at the top right. Several long repaired tears at the left and right sides.