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[Poster on linen] The Art of Divining by Lines in the Hand

Stock#: 78794
Map Maker: Wharton & Old Farmer's Almanack
Date: 1965
Place: Dublin, New Hampshire
Color: Color
Condition: VG
Size: 16 x 22 inches
Price: \$ 495.00



Description:

Fascinating vintage instructional poster on palmistry, adapted from a late-17th-century text. Visible in the upper left of the poster is a palm, with seven lines shown. These lines, and the joint lines for the fingers, are given a long explanatory treatment in the text below.

The text fantastically describes the implications of the shape of the lines in one's hand. The Heart Line, Line of Life, Line of Fortune, and Line of Art all have prescribed paths which can either mean fortune or poverty, health or illness, adversity or success.

This work is derived from George Wharton's *The Art of Divining by the Lines and Signature Ingraven on the Hand of Man*, which includes a very similar depiction of a hand. Published during the "golden age of pseudosciences in England," this was later reproduced by the Old Farmer's Almanack and here enlarged.



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Detailed Condition:

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