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(Original Artwork -- Chicago World's Fair) A Century of Progress 1933 International Exposition

Stock#: 81905
Map Maker: McDowell / Brown
Date: 1932 circa
Place: Chicago
Color: (See Description)
Condition: Fair
Size: 35 x 29 inches inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Original Chicago World's Fair Artwork

Original artwork for the "A Century of Progress 1933 International Exposition," consisting of an "Aerial Map of World's Fair Grounds from top of one of the Sky Ride Towers," prepared for the 1933 Chicago's World Fair.

The map provides a birdseye view of the fairgrounds looking out onto Lake Michigan from an observation deck, with a list of 50 buildings and points of interest noted. Signed by H.L. McDowell and A.T. Brown, the image consists of original artwork pasted down on a heavy board, with a printed version of the map partially pasted down on the image at the lower right corner.

A fascinating element of the image is the curvature at the top of the image, suggesting a projection of the curvature of the earth.

The printed version of the map (11 x 9.5 inches) seems to be virtually unknown, as the only example we can locate is #2176. The printed version shows exposition sites and structures marked by number, with legend in lower right.

It seems that the printed version of the artwork was either never issued or is extremely rare, as we find only a single example listed on line in what appears to be a Chicago Historical Society



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Collection. <http://chsmedia.org/media/fa/fa/LIB/CityChicagoMapsAccessible.htm>

Rarity

The original artwork was apparently unknown.

Except for the Chicago Historical Society entry, we have been unable to track any examples of the printed map.

Detailed Condition:

Original artwork, laid on board, with printed version pasted at lower right. Damage, soiling and chipping as illustrated, with loss to printed version.