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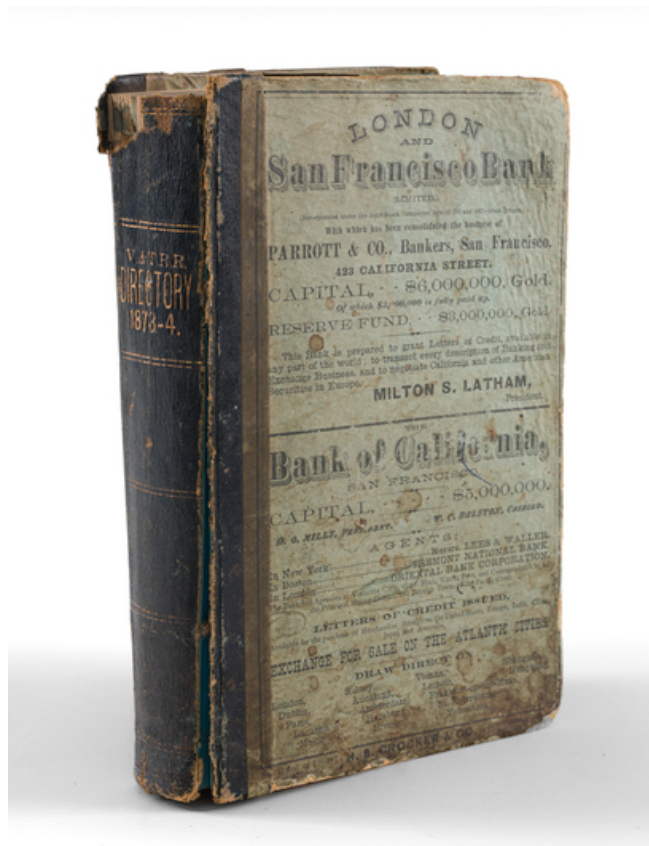
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The Virginia and Truckee Railroad Directory, 1873-74, Embracing a General Directory of Residents of Virginia City, Gold Hill, Silver City, Dayton, Caron, Franktown, Washoe City and Reno, Together with a Business Director, also an Appendix, Giving Statistics of State, and Storey, Lyon, Ormsby and Washoe Counties

Stock#: 94032
Map Maker: Uhlhorn

Date: 1873
Place: Sacramento and San Francisco
Color: Uncolored
Condition: Good
Size: 6 x 9 inches

Price: \$ 4,800.00



Description:

First Nevada Railroad Directory

Very rare Nevada directory for towns and hamlets along the Virginia and Truckee Railroad. This railroad was begun in February 1869, with the Carson City to Reno line completed by 1872. The main purpose of the line was to connect the Comstock mines with Carson City, which was achieved in January 1870. According to Quebedeaux, this directory was the first such Railroad directory issued in Nevada.

With the new United States mint in operation in Carson City, the bullion from the mills could be shipped directly to Carson City, eliminating an expensive haul to San Francisco. Also, the new



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community of Reno on the Central Pacific soon became important as a railroad connection for freight to and from Virginia City via the Geiger Grade. Very rare - Quebedeaux.

The compiler, John F. Uhlhorn, undertook an extensive canvassing of the towns along the railroad to produce this exhaustive directory of residents and businesses. Includes general and classified business directories for Carson City, Dayton, Gold Hill, Reno, Silver City and Virginia City, and the Washoe County settlements of Franktown and Washoe City. Many of the advertisements are beautifully illustrated and printed on blue or purple colored paper. The full-page ad for Sacramento watchmaker H. Wachhorst, printed in three colors, illustrates the shop with "the City Clock" on the roof of the building.

Rarity.

Though reasonable well represented within institutional confines (Quebedeaux locates ten copies), this very rare Nevada directory almost never appears in the market. The sole example in RBH sold in 1920.

Detailed Condition:

Octavo. Original leather-backed printed boards. Front cover nearly detached (hanging by cords). Head of spine chipped. Leather on spine rubbed. Corners worn. Staining and soiling to covers. Tape repair to one front leaf; toning/soiling (mostly at edges). Previous owner's name and address on front free endpaper. lii,72,[2],73-104,[2],105-204,[2],205-416 pages. Advertisements on the pastedowns. Many ads are illustrated. Complete, with an additional ad leaf after page 204 not noted in Quebedeaux's collation (for Heald's Business College). Advertising pages printed on range of colored paper (one ad page printed in red and green ink, with gilt border).