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Plan of Edinburgh & Leith with Suburbs from Ordnance and Actual Surveys, Constructed for the Post Office Directory . . . 1884

Stock#: 102664 Map Maker: Bartholomew

Date: 1884

Place: Edinburgh Color: Uncolored

Condition: VG

Size: 25 x 26.5 inches

Price: \$ 345.00



Description:

Detailed depiction of Edinburgh and Leith in Scotland. Created by John Bartholomew, F.R.G.S., it was specifically constructed for use in the Post Office Directory, serving both practical purposes for postal delivery and as a representation of urban geography.

Edinburgh's urban expansion during the 19th century was substantial. Following the overcrowding of the Old Town, the development of the New Town began as part of the first planned urban expansion in the late 18th century, which continued well into the 19th century. The city extended to the north and west, incorporating former villages like Stockbridge and Canonmills, and developing new areas such as Marchmont and Bruntsfield.

By the time of this map's creation, Edinburgh had undergone several extensions, most notably with the inclusion of Leith, a separate burgh that was officially incorporated into Edinburgh in 1920. This map predates that incorporation, showing Leith as a distinct entity but closely associated with Edinburgh.

The map is detailed with topographical features, showing elevation with contour lines and the height



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above sea level with small figures. Parish boundaries are marked with a dotted line, and municipal ward boundaries are indicated with a dash-dot line. The purpose of the map was to aid in the efficient delivery of mail, and likely to support urban planning and the daily navigational needs of the city's residents and businesses. It reflects a city undergoing rapid industrial growth and urbanization, capturing Edinburgh at a critical juncture of its development into the modern age.

Detailed Condition:

Folding map with original printed covers.