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[United States -- Armstrong Quaker Rug, No. 4705]

Stock#: 100109

Map Maker: Armstrong Linoleum Company

Date: 1938 circa **Place:** Lancaster, PA

Color: Color **Condition:** Good

Size: 108.5 x 72 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Mammoth Pictorial Map -- Made For Children's Playrooms

This transportation themed pictorial map is quite likely the largest pictorial map ever published -- as a floor mat!

The map measures 11 feet by 6 feet in size. Acquired from the estate of actress Penny Marshall, this large-scale pictorial map of the United States was designed for children as a play mat but also as a vehicle for information.

A 1938 ad enthused, "a marvelous way to acquaint your children with their own United States!" and that "small children will love playing travel with their boats and trains, going from city to city, absorbing geographical facts without even knowing it!"

The product was title is Armstrong Quaker Rug, No. 4705.

Rarity

We note a single example, in The Mitchell Wolfson, Jr. Collection of Decorative and Propaganda Arts at Florida-International University.

Provenance: Estate of Penny Marshall (Abell Auctions, September 13, 2020). Since that time, on display in our gallery vault.

NOTE: The price includes crating and shipping. We can offer a \$3,000 discount if crating,



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shipping costs and delivery are arranged by the purchaser.

Detailed Condition:

Felt-based linoleum, paint. Lineoleum printed map, laid on wood, with a wood framed backing. Linoleum damaged at the lower left, as illustrated.