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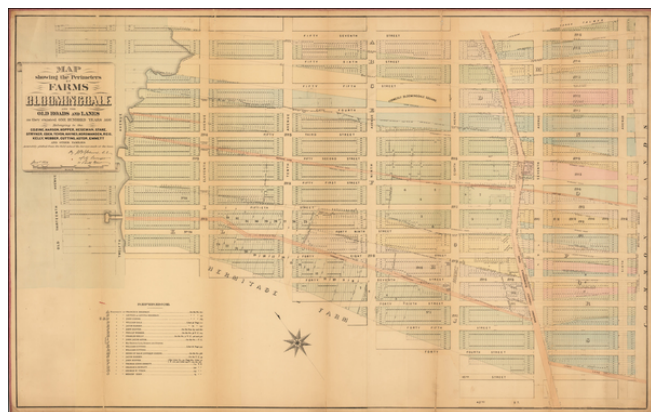
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Map showing the Perimeters of Farms in Bloomingdale and the Old Roads and Lanes as they existed One Hundred Years Ago Belonging to the Cozine, Harson, Hopper, Hegeman, Stake, Stryker, Eden, Tevon, Haynes, Horsmanden, Reis, Kelly, Webber, Cutting, Astor, Emmett and other families...

Stock#: 61040
Map Maker: Bute Holmes
Date: 1879
Place: New York
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 46.5 x 29 inches
Price: \$ 3,000.00



Description:

Rare Cadastral Map of Midtown West, Including Times Square and part of the Theater District.

Antique, separately-issued John Bute Holmes hand-colored lithographed map, depicting the region from the Hudson River to Sixth Avenue and from 57th Street to 42nd Street.

The map identifies the farms, roads, and lanes as they existed in 1779, and overlays them with the 1879 survey.

In an effort to increase Manhattan's river-front property, the New York State Legislature passed a law in 1837 to extend Manhattan's western shore further out into the Hudson River. This project ran along a line created in the Hudson from Hammond Street (today's West 11th Street) to 135th Street and soon was designated Thirteenth Avenue. The city immediately began selling underwater lots to individuals, who then had to follow the city's instructions on how to landfill and develop the lots. This effort was, ironically, sunk for the same reason that it was started: the desire to have New York be one of the world's premier harbors. Within two decades, the legislature had reversed course and outlawed landfilling over 100 feet from Twelfth Avenue, because of the advent of massive luxury liners and the need to build bigger piers to accommodate these vessels, forcing the lots that had been landfilled to be sunk once again. In 1883, only about a dozen blocks of Thirteenth Avenue remained, which *The New York Times* called 'a west side thoroughfare of little account'. Today, only one block of Thirteenth Avenue remains, although it is unmarked. It is known as the Gansevoort Peninsula and is located between Gansevoort Street and Little 12th Street along Eleventh Avenue across from the Whitney Museum of American Art. It is planned to be



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transformed into a new city park to open in 2022.

States

This is the state dated December 1879, it is mostly blank in the lower-left corner, lacking the extensive notes of the later state.

Rarity

OCLC records only one copy, at the New York State Library. NYPL has an uncatalogued copy of the map.

Detailed Condition:

Good. Original linen. Wear and toning along original fold lines. Blank on verso.