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Yosemite (First State!)

Stock#: 72787
Map Maker: Mora
Date: 1931
Place: Monterey
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 14 x 18 inches
Price: \$ 1,200.00



Description:

The Rare 1931 First State!

Rare first state of this iconic pictorial map of Yosemite Valley drawn by artist Jo Mora in 1931.

The map shows many humorous scenes and shows the activities common at the time in the Valley. Many landmarks are shown in an amusing way. For example, a cloud resting on an easy chair is shown for Clouds Rest. A bishop is straddling the Cathedral Spires.

The map was originally printed in black & white in 1931 and reissued in color by the Yosemite & Curry Company in 1941 and 1949.

The early state of the map can be identified by the changes made at the lower left, around the trail to Big Oak Flat. The changes include:



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- Sign name is "To Big Oak Flat". In the final state, the road is "To Tioga Pass and Big Oak Flat," and the bottom of the road in the valley is moved further west.
- Older model automobiles are shown. In later states, all new automobiles on the Tioga Pass Road
- Coulterville Stage Road and illustrations (below Big Oak Flat) are removed in the final state.
- Checking Station at the base of Big Oak Flat Road in the Valley is shown (removed in the final state).

Joseph Jacinto "Jo" Mora, born October 22, 1876, in Uruguay, died October 11, 1947 in Monterey California. Jo Mora came to the United States as a child, he studied art in the New York, then worked for Boston newspapers as a cartoonist. He was a man of many other talents, artist-historian, sculptor, painter, photographer, illustrator, muralist, and author. Later in life, he became quite a renowned artist.

His series of illustrations of various parts of California (Carmel, Monterey, San Diego, Yosemite, California, etc.) are highly collected.

Detailed Condition: