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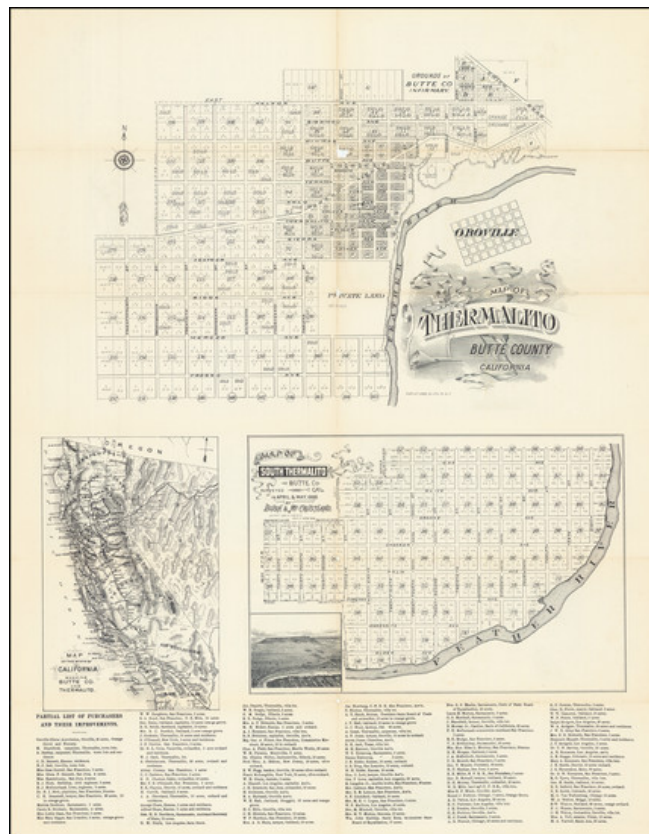
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Stock#: 73610
Map Maker: Schmidt Label & Litho. Co. /
Thermalito Colony Co.
Date: 1890
Place: Oroville, California
Color: (See Description)
Condition: VG
Size: 19 x 24 inches Sheet size
Price: \$ 1,100.00



Description:

"The Pasadena of Central California."

Rare 19th-century separately-issued promotional map for Thermalito, California,

Thermalito coalesced as a community between the late 1880s and 1895, when the post office was founded (it was discontinued in 1920). The present pamphlet suggests that citrus agriculture was a potential economic driver for the new town. But unlike most land promotions of the time, it's not immediately clear what else the area has to offer in the way of economic incentive. Today Thermalito and Oroville are associated with the adjacent large dams and hydroengineering complex.

The map-side consists of three images, one of Thermalito, one of South Thermalito, and one of Thermalito



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in the context of California as a whole. The map of Thermalito shows many of the outlying larger lots already sold, with the plots on residential blocks still wanting buyers. South Thermalito is completely unsold, and apparently would remain so; today it appears to be an uninhabited floodplain and parkland.

The name "Thermalito" suggests a diminutive derivation from Thermal, California, in the Coachella Valley, though the former predates the latter by two decades.

Today the city is functionally a residential neighborhood of Oroville.

Oroville Dam would not be finished until 1968, about 80 years after this map was made. The map reflects an interesting time period, well after the Gold Rush and its aftershocks had subsided, but before the 20th-century system of industrial agriculture and water management had set the agenda for economic development in the northern Central Valley.

Rarity

OCLC records only two examples, at the California State Library, and Cal State Chico.

Detailed Condition:

Folding map. Small losses at fold intersections at the cover (as illustrated). Map-side uncolored. Cover-side with some color printing.