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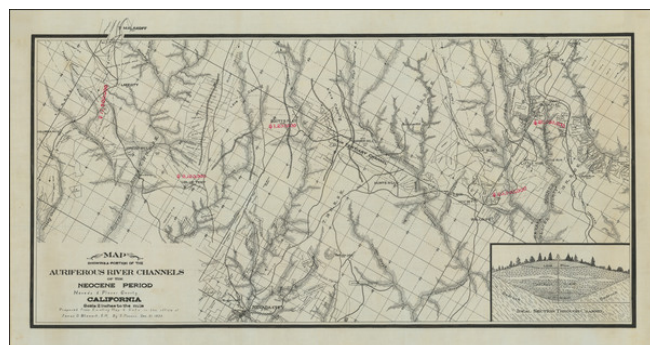
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## Map Showing A Portion of the Auriferous River Channels of the Neocene Period Nevada & Placer County California . . . 1930

**Stock#:** 82352  
**Map Maker:** Masson  
  
**Date:** 1930  
**Place:** Auburn, CA?  
**Color:** Pen & Ink  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 34.5 x 17 inches  
  
**Price:** \$ 750.00



### Description:

Manuscript map of the gold-bearing deposits of central California during the start of the 20th century. Showing the region between Nevada City and Dutch Flat to the Southwest, the map contains a plethora of contemporaneous information including the distribution of land grants, geological discoveries, and what appears to be the total value of gold extracted in each region.

Particularly interesting on the map is the description in the lower left of an ideal section through a channel. Showing how gravel channels deposited by rivers would have cut into the bedrock, and eventually been overcapped by lava flows, this construction shows how miners would have accessed gold in these regions. The gravels here would have been composed of the bedrock they cut through, and certain qualities would have indicated that they were particularly suitable for mining, notably if they had a bluish color.

The detail on the map is superb, with geologic, topographic, and population information shown throughout. The map is oriented roughly with south at the top of the image. The map was traced on linen by C. Masson in 1930 from a map held in the office of James D. Stewart. It appears that the economic data is unique to this map and was not copied over.

### Rarity

The map is known in one other example, held by the University of California, Berkeley. As this is referred to as a "photocopy," it appears that this is also a contemporary replica of the original.

### Detailed Condition:

Black and red pen on drafting linen.