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St Paul in 1868 From College Avenue. S.E.

Stock#: 85740
Map Maker: Upton / Bromley
Date: 1868 (but circa 1880-90)
Place: n.p.
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 12 x 10 inches (including mount)
Price: \$ 1,600.00



Description:

Wonderful early landscape photograph of St. Paul, Minnesota, by Benjamin Upton, republished by Edward A. Bromley after his acquisition of the plates in 1878.

The bird's-eye view looks southeast across present-day downtown St. Paul towards Dayton's Bluff.

The photograph is labeled in early ink manuscript "J. Fletcher Williams Homestead", "Territorial Capitol", and "Catholic Cathedral."

The town very much still has the feel of a ramshackle frontier community, with wood-panel and brick buildings scattered among fields of undeveloped land.

The photograph was probably taken in the fall or early spring, as the trees have no leaves. This makes it easier to see many of the buildings in the background.

Provenance

Deaccessioned from the James J. Hill Reference Library, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Such early Minnesota photographs are very rare and almost unobtainable outside of institutional deaccessions.



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Detailed Condition:

Albumen photograph mounted on original card mount. The card is a bit wavy. Numbered "50" in ink along the upper right corner of the mount. Ink-stamped on the verso "Published by E. A. Bromley, Minneapolis, from the original Upton negatives." and "Hill Reference Library St. Paul" along with a library catalog number in pencil.