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Birds Eye View of Los Angeles California. Looking South to the Pacific Ocean Twenty Miles Distant. 1877 | Birds Eye View of Wilmington . . . | Birds Eye View of Santa Monica

Stock#: 91519
Map Maker: Glover

Date: 1877
Place: Los Angeles
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 33.25 x 20 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

One of the Earliest and Rarest Views of Los Angeles

Glover's rare and magnificent view of Los Angeles, with smaller but still very impressive views of Wilmington and Santa Monica, published by E.S. Glover in Los Angeles and lithographed by A.L. Bancroft of San Francisco

The larger view provides a magnificent early panoramic view of the City of Los Angeles from the area around Dodger Stadium toward the Pacific Ocean, with major street and early buildings shown, the largest of which is the Church on Los Angeles Street, west of Old Town. At the east end of Los Angeles Street, the old circular Plaza can be seen. The Los Angeles River is shown winding its way to the Pacific, with dozen of farms and vineyards around it, along with a number of early bridges and railroad lines.

At the lower left is the recently constructed harbor at Wilmington and San Pedro Bay, the outlet of the Los Angeles River, with the wharf of the Southern Pacific Road and Depot shown. A college is shown in the distance, with Los Angeles and the San Gabriel Mountains beyond, along with the snow capped San Bernardino Mountains.

At the right, the competing wharf at Santa Monica is shown, with the line of the Los Angeles and Independence Railroad and Depot shown. The original Santa Monica town grid is laid out, with a few streets south of the railroads.



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- 1857 Kuchel & Dresel (a smaller view and a larger view with 20 vignettes)
- 1871 Augustus Koch
- 1873 A.E. Matthews
- 1876 Glover View of East Los Angeles From Brooklyn Heights

Rarity

The view is extremely rare. This is the first example we have seen on the market.

Reps locates copies at the Library of Congress, Bancroft Library and UCLA.

We were unable to locate any other examples offered for sale in published auction and dealer catalog records.

Detailed Condition: