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| Map Maker: | Rand McNally & Company |

Date:1898Place:ChicagoColor:ColorCondition:VG+Size:19 x 26 inches

Price: \$ 175.00



Description:

Published in Chicago in 1898, this Rand McNally map of Wisconsin offers a detailed portrayal of the state's physical and political landscape shortly before the establishment of Rusk County. A particular point of interest lies in the town soon to be named Ladysmith, which at this point was still identified as Warner.

In the late 19th century, Wisconsin was in a state of rapid development and expansion. Industrialization was advancing, railroads were extending their reach, and new counties were being created as the population grew and resources were discovered and exploited. This 1898 map captures this dynamic period, immediately preceding the establishment of Rusk County (initially "Gates" County), which was created from a portion of Chippewa County.

The map provides an extensive view of the existing political and physical geography, outlining the counties, settlements, transportation networks, and topographic features of the time. Warner, which would be renamed Ladysmith and become the county seat of Rusk County around 1901, can be spotted in



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its original nomenclature, adding to the historical relevance of this map.

Rand McNally, the map's publisher, was a distinguished name in American cartography. The company, founded in the mid-19th century, was renowned for its accuracy and the high quality of its maps. Their maps were considered reliable and up-to-date sources of information, playing a significant role in informing the public about the changing landscapes of the country.

Detailed Condition:

Minor printer's crease in Chippewa and Prince Counties.