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Yosemite

Stock#: 94897
Map Maker: Mora
Date: 1931 (1949)
Place: Monterey
Color: Color
Condition: VG
Size: 14 x 18 inches
Price: \$ 975.00



Description:

Decorative vintage pictorial map of Yosemite Valley drawn by artist Jo Mora in 1931 and later re-issued in 1941 and 1949.

The map shows many humorous scenes and shows the activities common at the time in the Valley. Many landmarks are shown in an amusing way. For example, a cloud resting on an easy chair is shown for Clouds Rest. A bishop is straddling the Cathedral Spires. The map was originally printed in black & white in 1931 and reissued by the Yosemite & Curry Company in 1941 and 1949.

The 1941 state of the map can be identified by the following features:

- The map is colored (1931 state is uncolored)
- Checking Station at the base of Big Oak Flat Road in the Valley is shown (removed in 1949)
- In the yellow square on the uppermost left margin is a man on a horse facing right



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The 1949 state of the map can be identified by the changes made at the lower left, around the trail to Big Oak Flat. The changes include:

- Sign name is "To Tioga Pass and Big Oak Flat" in the final state (previously just Big Oak Flat) and the bottom of the road in the valley is moved further west.
- All new automobiles on the Tioga Pass Road
- Coulterville Stage Road and illustrations (below Tioga Pass Road) are removed completely
- Checking Station below the bears being photographed has been removed.
- The cars on the road into the valley from the bottom of Big Oak Flat Road are updated
- In the yellow square on the uppermost left margin is a cowgirl facing left

Joseph Jacinto "Jo" Mora, born October 22, 1876 in Uruguay, died October 11, 1947 in Monterey California. Jo Mora came to the United States as a child, he studied art in the New York, then worked for Boston newspapers as a cartoonist. He was a man of many other talents, artist-historian, sculptor, painter, photographer, illustrator, muralist and author. Later in life, he became quite a renowned artist.

His series of illustrations of various parts of California (Carmel, Monterey, San Diego, Yosemite, California, etc.) are highly collected.

Detailed Condition: