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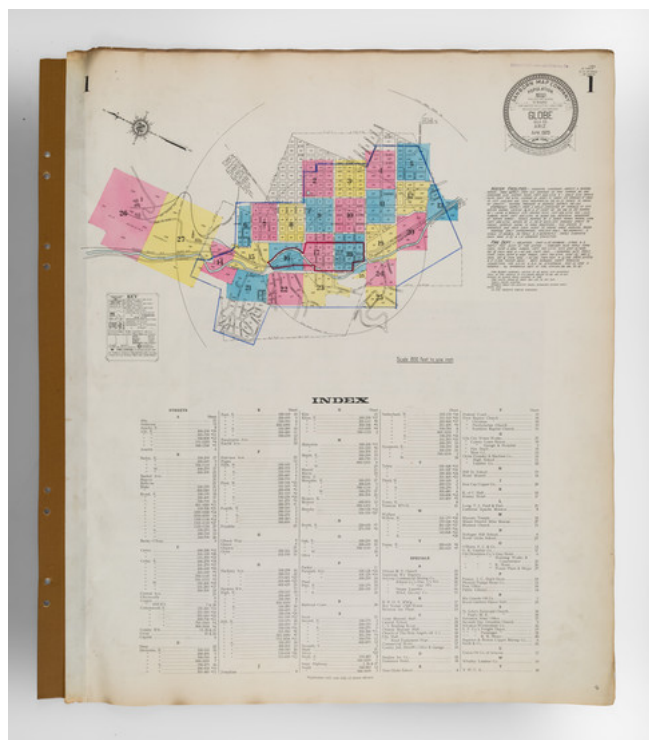
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## (Arizona Fire Insurance Atlas) Globe Gila Co. Ariz. Apr. 1929 [Old Dominion Copper Mining Co.]

**Stock#:** 97571  
**Map Maker:** Sanborn Map Company  
**Date:** 1929  
**Place:** New York  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** See Description  
**Size:** 21.5 x 25.5 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

#### *Globe, Arizona in 1929*

A fire insurance atlas of *Globe, Gila County, Arizona*, produced by the Sanborn Map Company in April 1929, offers a detailed record of the built environment of this Arizona town, site of the Old Dominion Copper Company's smelter operations. Comprising 28 unbound sheets with hand-colored maps, the atlas was originally made as a specialized tool for insurance company underwriters in determining the degree of fire risk associated with any property shown therein. Today it is an unrivaled visual record of Globe's urban and architectural landscape for the time.

Executed with a scale 800 feet to an inch, every structure in Globe is accurately shown with block-by-block, street-by-street, structure-by-structure representations. The Old Dominion Co.'s copper smelter and related structures dominate the area. Use of every structure is given: dwelling, grocery, storage, lumber yard, church, hardware, water tower, etc., often recording the name of the individual business owner noted. Color coding denotes building material.



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In the 1920s, Globe, Arizona was primarily shaped by the copper mining industry, with the Old Dominion Copper Co. serving as one of its major economic anchors. The town was a bustling hub for copper extraction, and the Old Dominion Copper Co. played a central role in both employment and economic development within the community. Alongside mining, Globe maintained a diverse social fabric, with a population comprising Native Americans, Hispanics, and Anglos. Although it was primarily known for its mineral resources, the town was also a local center for commerce. Notably, several of the buildings are noted as being made of adobe.

Here follows a selection of the diverse structures and sites shown in the atlas:

- African M. E. Church
- Arizona Commercial Mining Co.
- Arizona Edison Co. Electric Light Plant
- Chinese Masonic Hall
- Gila City Water Works
- Gila County Hospital
- Globe Foundary & Machine Co.
- Iron Cap Copper Co.
- J. C. Penney Dept. Store
- Kinney Hotel
- Lutheran Apache Mission
- Mormon Church
- Old Dominion Co. (Copper Mining): Smelter, Power Plant and Shops, Settling Ponds, Slag Dump, etc.
- Phoenix-Tempe Stone Co.
- Southern Pacific Co.'s Railroad Shops
- Superior & Boston Copper Mining Co.
- Whalley Lumber Co.

For nearly a century (from 1867 to 1961), Sanborn Map Company produced their fire insurance maps for nearly all U.S. cities. Ron Tyler (*Prints of the West*, pages 153-55) describes the fire insurance maps as a successor to the bird's-eye view in documenting the growth of towns and cities. The present Globe, Arizona atlas bears out Tyler's assertion.

#### **Rarity**

This atlas is very rare. OCLC locates a single example of the 1929 edition Globe Sanborn atlas, held at the



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University of Arizona. The Library of Congress has digitized editions of 1893, 1898, 1901, 1904, 1906, 1909, and 1911, but as of this writing their two 1929 examples have not been made available online.

**Detailed Condition:**

Original hand-color. Unbound, with sheets mounted on alternating buckram cloth tabs. 28 sheets, including the index page (maps printed on rectos only). Complete. Small neat ink stamp on upper right corner of index page: "Liverpool and London and Globe Ins. Co."