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Barre, Washington County, VT 1884.

Stock#: 99585 Map Maker: Beck & Pauli / Norris Date: 1884 Brockton. Massachusetts Place: Color: Uncolored **Condition:** VG Size: 17.5 x 23.75 inches (including text) **Price:** \$ 1,400.00



Description:

This 1884 tinted-lithograph bird's-eye view of Barre, Washington County, Vermont, captures the town's development during the late 19th century. Created by George E. Norris of Brockton, Massachusetts, and lithographed by Beck & Pauli of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, this view details Barre's thriving industrial and community landscape just southeast of Montpelier. The view is crowned by an inset of the Goddard Seminary, founded in 1863.

The detail in this lithograph serves not only as a historical record but also as a reflection of the cartographic and lithographic artistry of the era. The extensive key at the bottom of the image lists over 40 significant buildings and businesses, including churches, schools, a post office, a bank, and numerous granite works, revealing the town's multifaceted character. Each entity is carefully placed within the bird's-eye view, offering a comprehensive and immersive portrayal of Barre's urban landscape.

This lithograph is a significant document for those interested in studying Vermont town development, industrial history, and the art of lithography. It offers a rare window into the life of a 19th-century American town, capturing the essence of Barre's community spirit and industrial vigor.

Rarity

This is the earlier of two views of Barre, Vermont, listed in Reps, the other having been published by George Norris in 1891.

Reps lists examples of this view at Boston Public, Vermont Historical, and the Shelburne Museum. To this we can add the Library of Congress.



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Detailed Condition:

Tinted lithograph on wove paper. Expertly mended short tear in the right edge.