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Item Summary: It's the return of a classic! First issued in 1934 and revised in 1962, *A Romance Map of the Finger Lakes Region of Central New York* brings to life the fascinating and important history of upstate New York's beautiful Finger Lakes region. Now more famous for its remarkable scenery and award-winning wines, the Finger Lakes area is the geographic heart that pumped the economic and political blood of the Empire State and drove a young nation to prosperity.

Unlike many illustrated historical maps, the Finger Lakes Romance Map presents an amazing amount of information, covering several major themes in New York State history, such as: pre-Colombian Native American culture and the Six Nations of the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) confederacy; French and English colonialism in the New World; the American Revolution and post-war settlement; religious missionaries, the "Second Great Awakening," and the "Burned Over District;" agriculture and natural wonders; the Erie Canal and early aviation; hoaxes and other elements of popular culture; and the birthplaces and homes of politicians, leaders of the women's and civil rights movements, and the inventors and scientists who became American industrial giants.

Despite being filled with information, the historical illustrations are visually pleasing, done in a 1930's comic strip style by Charles Maxwell Plaisted. The related text captions are clear, concise, and easily read. Supplemented with more detailed textual sidebars, the Finger Lakes Romance Map is perfect as both a decorative wall hanging and a fun, educational document for families, children, students, and adults.

About the Compilers & Illustrator: Sidney E. Ayres was the publisher of the *Penn-Yan Chronicle-Express* and a past president of the New York Press Association. An amateur historian, his personal collection of historical documents is now held at Cornell University. Nameé Price Henricks was the wife of Rev. Walter A. Henricks and a lifelong resident of Penn Yan, NY. She was active in the DAR and was adopted into the Seneca Indian Nation for her work toward better living conditions on New York's Indian reservations. Charles Maxwell Plaisted was a professor of art and journalism at Keuka College, which still presents an annual award in his honor. He illustrated comic books and pulp fiction novels during their Golden Age of the early and mid-20th century, and was the pseudonymous author of many similar works.

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