
Zakrzewski, Alexander

Cartographer and soldier. A former officer of the Polish Army who fought for Poland's freedom in the November 1830-31 Insurrection. Among the records of Clackamas County, Oregon City, Oregon, there is in the state of perfect preservation one of the oldest plans of San Francisco drawn by him. This map is on wax paper, 18x22 inches; its edges are framed with a green silk band. The drawing is fine and accurate. The map contains 1,539 lots, divided by streets and squares, northwest of the present Market Street, the city's former main artery, and 700 lots southwest of it. Its full title is "Official Map of San Francisco, Completed from the field notes of the official resurvey made by Wm. M. Eddy, CE., Surveyor of the town of San Francisco. Drawn by Alexander Zakrzewski, Polish ex-Officer, 1849." He was born January 1, 1799, in Sandomierz, Poland; educated as a military engineer. In 1825, became Second Lieutenant of Engineers in the Polish Army, took an active part in the November Uprising of 1830-31, and advanced to the rank of Captain. He was an able lithographer and published several maps in Warsaw, Poland. Came to the U.S. as a political refuge.

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