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Bird's Eye View Map of the village of Salem by L. R. Burleigh, Troy, New York, 1889,
A map reprint, 25 x 16 inches

The only known bird's view map showing the village in 1889. Many houses and buildings are identified. Prominent citizens of the time are listed. An insert of a St. John Honeywood pen and ink drawing shows Main Street in 1789. Price is $8. Add $4 dollars for mailing tube and postage and 7% sales tax for NYS residents. Make check out to William A. Cormier.