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**Rice's Township and Rail Road Map of Minnesota 1880 Lithographed and published by
G. Jay Rice, St. Paul.**

Stock#: 66873
Map Maker: Rice
Date: 1880
Place: St. Paul
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 16 x 18.5 inches
Price: \$ 850.00



Description:

Final? Edition of Rice's Important Map of Minnesota.

Rare 1880 St. Paul-published map of Minnesota, by the state's foremost early map publisher.

The map includes an inset titled "Vicinity of St. Paul, and Minneapolis." The inset shows local train and road routes, covering much of Hennepin and Ramsey Counties.

The map is colored by county and shows Incorporated Cities, Township and Railroad Stations, Post Offices, Completed and proposed railroad lines, and county boundaries. A ridgeline in northern Minnesota notes, "Dividing Ridge between the waters flowing into the Hudson's Bay and the Gulf of Mexico."

The present map should be compared to [Rice's 1872 edition](#) to see just how much had changed during the intervening eight years. The 1872 Rice map is closely related to [another 1872 map, by A. J. Reed](#). Rice and Reed originally partnered on an 1871 map of the state, probably the predecessor to the present map, but may have gone their separate ways in 1872. Some sources suggest that this is the year



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that Reed officially joined Rice's company.

On close examination, it seems that a new lithographic matrix was used for the 1880 map, replacing that which was used in earlier editions. We have not determined at what point the change occurred.

The earliest maps of Minnesota printed in the state were printed circa 1855, but there was very little activity until the mid-1870s. G. J. Rice and Joseph Sewell seem to be the only large-scale commercial mapmakers in Minnesota prior to 1875.

Rarity

The 1880 edition is apparently very rare, with no examples listed in OCLC. It is apparently unrecorded.

OCLC notes examples dated 1871, 1872, 1873, 1875, 1876, and 1877.

Detailed Condition:

Folding map in original printed covers. Minor soiling and spots of toning along central horizontal fold.