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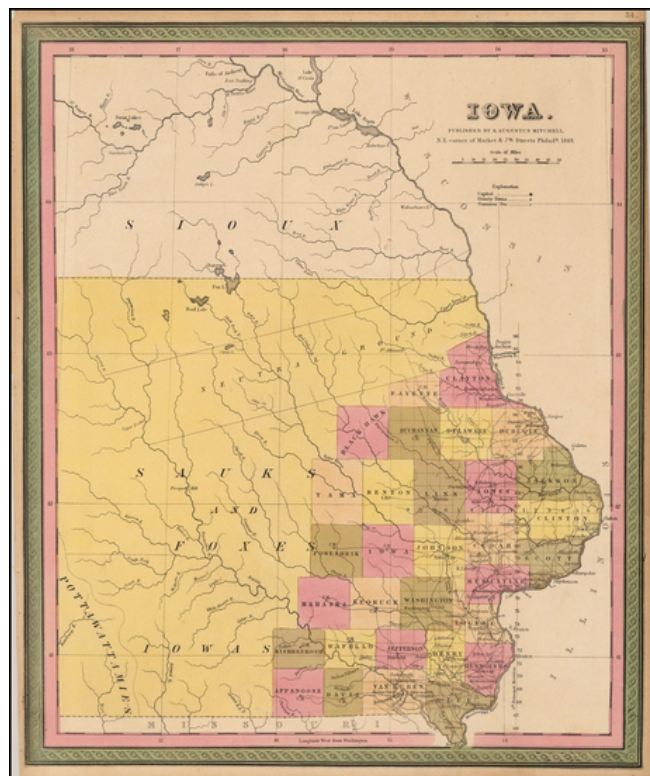
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Stock#: 0100bm
Map Maker: Mitchell
Date: 1848
Place: Philadelphia
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 16 x 13 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fine early territorial map of Iowa at a very early stage of development, still including a part of southern Minnesota.

This interesting map from the *New Universal Atlas* shows only 31 counties in the eastern half of the state. The remainder of the state is shaded yellow and contains Indian names and a section of the state marked "neutral ground".

The "neutral ground" is a reference to the 1830 Treaty of Prairie du Chien, negotiated between the United States and various tribes. The regional tribes agreed to the cession of a 40-mile-wide strip of land, namely two strips of land 20 miles wide each, on either side of the boundary. It roughly reaches from present-day La Crosse, Wisconsin, and Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, and extended from the Mississippi River to the Des Moines River in what today is southeastern Minnesota and northeastern Iowa. Originally planned as a buffer zone between the Sioux, Sac and Fox Nations, the land was soon designated for the Ho-Chunk (or Winnebago) tribe after their removal from Wisconsin. In May 1840, Fort Atkinson was founded to keep the Ho-Chunk on the Neutral Ground, and to protect them from other tribes as well as prevent white traders



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and settlers from intruding on Indian land. The fort operated until 1846 and sporadically thereafter, until it was abandoned for the final time in 1849.

Iowa became a state on December 28, 1846. The present map still locates the extensive region labeled as Sauks and Foxes, and two other regions locating the Iowas and the Pottawattamies. These regions would disappear from Mitchell's map the following year, replaced by about a dozen new counties in the southern part of the state, such that only the Pottawattamie lands remain named.

One of the earliest obtainable maps of Iowa. Mitchell's pre-1850 maps are becoming increasingly rare and difficult to obtain.

Detailed Condition:

Narrow top right margin.