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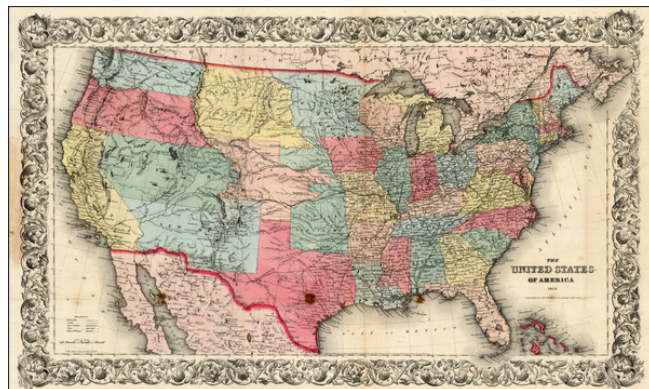
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The United States of America 1854

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Map Maker: Colton
Date: 1854
Place: New York
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 27 x 16 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

One Colton's most fascinating maps of the United States, issued one year prior to the first appearance of Colton's Atlas. The early appearance of Nebraska Territory, unusual territorial borders for Indian Territory and Nebraska Territory, and final curious appearance of Northwest Territory are of particular note.

The map provides one of the most extraordinary and ephemeral depictions of the Transmississippi West. Oregon and Washington run from the Pacific to the Rocky Mountains. Utah and New Mexico are still in their large territorial configurations.

What makes this map virtually unique is the treatment of the Territories of the Plains. A massive Northwest Territory extends from Canada to the Rocky Mountains and Minnesota Territory, separated by the Missouri River. Nebraska and Indian Territory form an odd elaborate pair, covering much of modern Wyoming, Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas and Indian Territory. The map notes a number of early explorer's routes and proposed rail lines. The Routes of Marcy, Fremont, and Kearney are clearly defined as are the early proposed railroad routes to the West and along the West Coast. Nice detail in California, with more place names than normally appear and along the Rocky Mountains.

Detailed Condition:

Several foxing spots, else a nice example with full wide margins.