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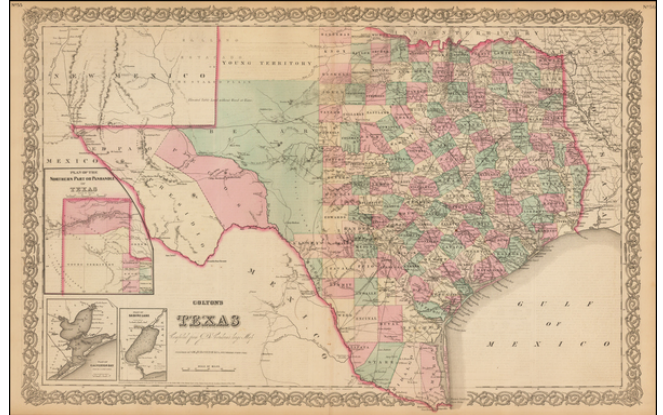
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Colton's New Map of the State of Texas Compiled From De Cordova's Large Map

Stock#: 49355
Map Maker: Colton
Date: 1872
Place: New York
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 25 x 16 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Detailed map of Texas, colored by counties and showing the primitive county configurations in the west.

Based upon De Cordova's seminal map. Illustrates many early roads, towns, forts, and other important places. An excellent pre-Civil War map.

Jacob De Cordova (1808 - 1868) was one of the first major land speculators in Texas. He hired Robert Creuzbaur, of the Texas General Land Office, to compile this map for promotional purposes. It was the first map of the state to be constructed through the use of the files of the Land Office, which was responsible for keeping a record of all land transactions in the state, though De Cordova is said to have spent a great deal of time in the saddle, personally studying Texas real estate. The land office was especially important, as Texas had been allowed to keep its public lands when it entered the Union, the only state allowed to do so, and the Land Office records were the only reasonably accurate source for the topography of some 250 million acres in the public domain. Creuzbaur gave equal attention to the more settled eastern parts of the state, and the map is the best, most detailed record of settlement in Texas during the period. Measuring nearly three feet square, it was the first large-scale map of Texas.

Detailed Condition: