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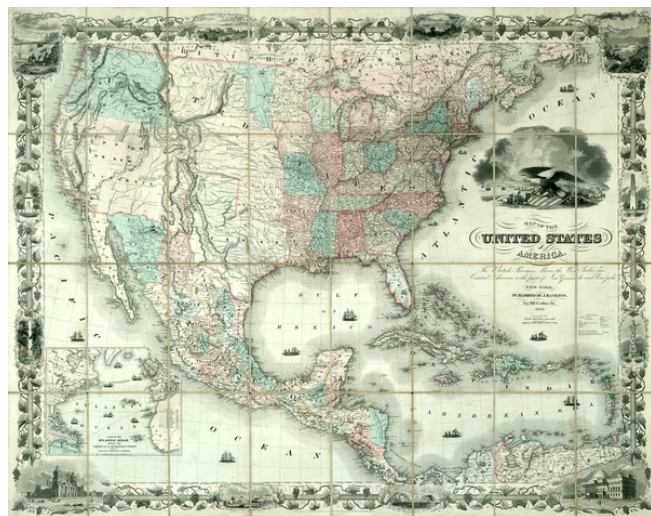
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Colton's Map of the United States of America, The British Provinces, Mexico, The West Indies and Central America . . . 1849 [Case Map]

Stock#: 10346a
Map Maker: Colton
Date: 1849
Place: New York
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 40 x 33 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Nice example of the first edition of Colton's 1849 two-sheet Map of the United States, first issued in 1848.

In 1849, J.H. Colton published 3 separately issued maps of the United States, the standard 1-sheet "pocket map edition," the 4-sheet "wall map" edition and this very are 2-sheet version, which was available either in sheets or dissected and laid on linen (as offered here). The three maps offered one of the most up to date and comprehensive views of the United States and most notably, the western portion of the United States, including those areas recently annexed by the United States following the conclusion of the Mexican War in 1846.

The present map shows a massive California, Oregon Territory, Texas and Nebraska, predating the first round of smaller territories, which would include New Mexico, Utah, Washington and Kansas Territories, each formed between 1850 and 1855. the elaborate grapevine borders, including 12 vignettes of various places of interest, including Willamette Falls in Oregon, the Capitol Building, an incomplete Washington Monument, Astoria Oregon, Mexicans catching cattle, and the Valley of Connecticut from Roanoake.

The present example is the first of two recorded 1849 editions. As noted in Streeter, the The early edition does not yet show 'El Dorado or Gold Region' along the Feather River and pre-dates the addition of the 'Table of Distances. This example also pre-dates the inclusion of Fremont's route along the Humboldt River and other revisions in California.



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Detailed Condition:

Dissected and laid on original linen. Laid into leather clam shell case with facsimile of decorative title on front cover and quilt title on spine.