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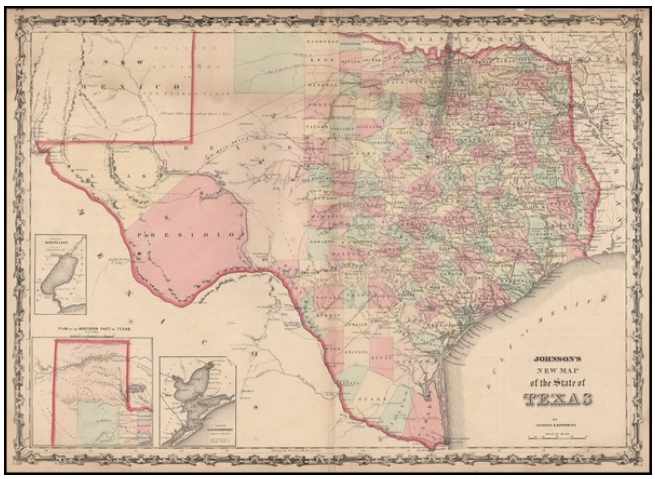
Johnson's New Map of the State of Texas

Stock#: 17000
Map Maker: Johnson & Browning

Date: 1860
Place: New York
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 24 x 17 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Handsome, double-sheet map of Texas, colored by counties. Features three large insets: Plan of Galveston Bay, Plan of the Northern Part of Texas (panhandle), and Plan of Sabine Lake.

This example is an early issue of this famous map from the 1860 *Johnson's New Illustrated Family Atlas*, pages 30 and 40. The map reflects the relative expansion of the counties of the Lone Star state, with more or less the current configurations in the east, while only Bexar, El Paso and Presidio counties are delineated in the west. The map depicts cities, towns, lakes, rivers, creeks, topographical features, railroads (actual and proposed), and important early roads and explorers routes. Some of the Military Outposts and Indian information is also shown.

Around 1859, Alvin Jewitt Johnson purchased the engraved steel plates created by G.W. Colton and the copyrights for his maps. Thus Johnson's atlases became the successors to the Colton atlases and 1860 was a transitional year. In fact, many of the maps are unique to this year, especially those of the western United States. As a first edition, the map is surrounded by the characteristic iron scrollwork decorative border associated with Johnson's maps. Early states of Johnson's New Map of Texas are now increasingly difficult to obtain, especially the pre-Civil War editions. An example with no repairs would be priced at $445.

Detailed Condition:
Split on the centerfold at top and from bottom to center has been repaired. Cracking at bottom along original guard. Some age-toning and minor foxing. Top of page numbers missing.