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## Rand McNally and Cos. New Railway Guide Map of the United States & Canada Compiled By The Editor, Expressly for this Publication . . . 1873

**Stock#:** 19350  
**Map Maker:** Rand McNally & Company  
**Date:** 1874  
**Place:** Chicago  
**Color:** Color  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 36 x 18 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

Rare variant of Rand McNally's first large format map of the United States.

In 1856, William Rand opened a printing shop in Chicago. Two years later, he hired Andrew McNally, to work in his shop. In 1868, the two men formally established Rand McNally & Co. The company initially focused on printing tickets and timetables for Chicago's booming railroad industry. In 1869, they began publishing complete railroad guides. In 1870, the company expanded into printing business directories and an illustrated newspaper, the People's Weekly. According to company lore, during the Great Chicago Fire in 1871, Rand McNally quickly had two of the company's printing machines buried in a sandy beach of Lake Michigan, and the company was up and running again only a few days later.

The first several guides published by Rand McNally included maps by Gaylord Watson of New York. The first Rand McNally printed map appeared in the December 1872 edition of its Railroad Guide. Rand McNally became an incorporated business in 1873, the same year it issued its first large format map of the United States, *Rand McNally and Cos. New Railway Guide Map of the United States & Canada*.

The map offered here is a rare variant edition of this first map, bearing the same title and copyright date as the original edition, but with a full broadsheet of richly illustrated advertising for National Wire and Lantern Works of New York on the verso. Verso image can be viewed here: `{{ inventory_enlarge_link('19350a') }}`

The map and Railroad Guide are extremely rare, with no examples of the 1873 edition listed in OCLC and only 2 or 3 examples per year located for the first few years thereafter. This example, with printed advertising on the verso, is apparently unrecorded.



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**Detailed Condition:**

Minor loss along two folds, as illustrated.