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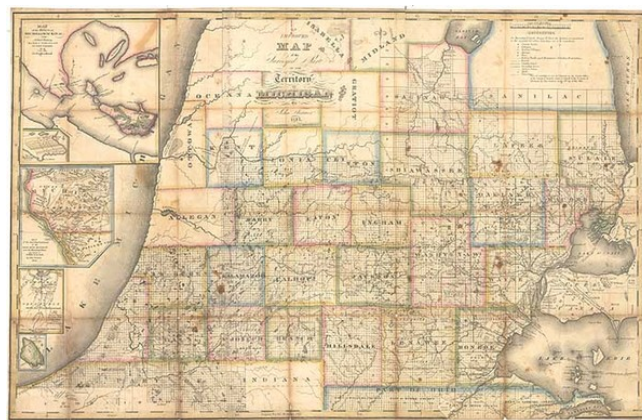
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An Improved Map of the Surveyed Part of the Territory of Michigan . . . 1831 [includes The Emigrant's Guide; or; Pocket Gazetteer of the Surveyed Parts of Michigan . . . 1830]

Stock#: 1957
Map Maker: Farmer / Balch & Stiles
Date: 1831
Place: Utica, NY
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 31 x 20 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Farmer's maps of Michigan are among the earliest maps of Michigan and are highly sought after among collectors. Farmer was born in Half Moon, NY in 1798, educated near Albany and taught at the Lancastrian School in Albany. He relocated to Michigan in 1821 at the invitation of Governor Cass and the Trustees of the University of Michigan. He engaged in extensive survey work and published his first map of Michigan in 1826. Over the next 5 years, he was responsible for a total of 12 maps, many of which he engraved himself, including the first map of Detroit. His early maps were largely influential in promoting the extensive emigration to Michigan that occurred between 1825 and 1840. This example of Farmer's map is accompanied by the rare Emigrant's Guide, which is recognized as the first emigrant's guide of Michigan. This 1830 edition is the true first edition. The 1830 edition did not include the map, but the map was available to be purchased separately and Howes notes that a few examples include the map. Beginning in 1831, the map was included with the Emigrant's Guide. The example of the map offered has been flattened and backed with a thin layer of Japan paper and left unbound. There are a few minor spots and some minor fold splits and very minor loss at the fold intersections, but generally the map is in very nice condition. The guide is bound in brown leather and is in very good condition.

Detailed Condition: