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### A. J. Reed's Township and Rail Road Map of Minnesota 1872. Published by the Northwestern Lithographing Co. St. Paul

**Stock#:** 26145  
**Map Maker:** Reed  
**Date:** 1872  
**Place:** St. Paul  
**Color:** Outline Color  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 21 x 18 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



#### Description:

Rare early map of Minnesota, one of the earliest maps of Minnesota to be printed within the state.

The map is colored by county and shows Incorporated Cities, Township & Railroad Stations, Post Offices, Completed and proposed railroad lines and county boundaries. A ridge line in Northern Minnesota notes "Dividing Ridge between the waters flowing into the Hudson's Bay and the Gulf of Mexico."

The Northwestern Lithographing Co. seems to have had a very brief history. We located only this map and a map of White Bear, Ramsey Co., Minn. also published in 1872. A photograph locating the offices of the company in the Prince's Block (Third & Jackson) are in the Minnesota Historical Society:

<http://collections.mnhs.org/visualresources/image.cfm?imageid=132261&Page=1&CFID=27224352&CFTOKEN=51988891&bhcp=1>

The only example of the map which we could locate was the copy in the Minnesota Historical Society. Reed's career as a map maker seems to have been brief and he apparently joined G.J. Rice in the same



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year as the publication of this map.

The earliest maps of Minnesota printed in the state were printed circa 1855, but there was very little activity until the mid-1870s. G. J. Rice and Joseph Sewell seem to be the only active map makers prior in Minnesota prior to 1875. Alfred J. Hill also produced a map in 1857, but it was published by C.A. Sweet in Boston and published by Sewall & Tiddings.

**Detailed Condition:**

Some minor loss along the folds.