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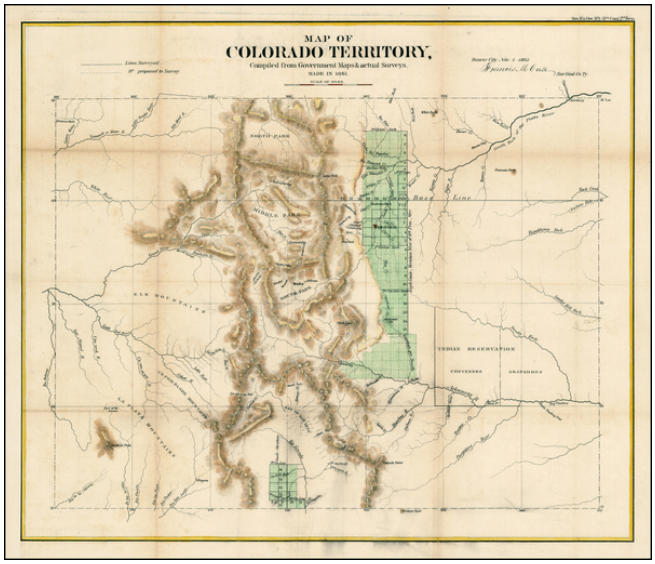
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Map of Colorado Territory, Compiled from Government Maps & Actual Surveys. Made In 1861

Stock#: 26310
Map Maker: General Land Office

Date: 1861
Place: Washington
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 21 x 17.5 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

The first official map of Colorado Territory, based upon state surveys conducted reported to the General Land Office in Denver City on November 1, 1861.

The map shows the early territorial surveys, an early regional depiction of the Rockies with some place names, as well as Rivers, the Cheyenne and Arapahoe Reservations , riverfs, mountains, Bent's Fort, Colorado City, Denver, Henderson's Ranch, Ft. St. Vrain, Golden City, Central City, Bradford, Hamilton, Jefferson, Ft. Garland, Gagosa, and handful of other place names. This example has been flattened and de-acidified, with attractive modern color added, and archivally backed with Japan paper. A nice example of this notoriously fragile map.

The Territory of Colorado was established on February 28, 1861. The boundaries of the territory were identical with those of the current State of Colorado. The territory was organized in the wake of the Pike's Peak Gold Rush of 1858-1861. The organization of the territory helped solidify Union control over a mineral rich area of the Rocky Mountains. Statehood was regarded as fairly imminent, but territorial ambitions for statehood were thwarted at the end of 1865 by a veto by President Andrew Johnson. Statehood for the territory was a recurring issue during the Ulysses Grant administration, with Grant advocating statehood against a less willing Congress during Reconstruction. The Colorado Territory ceased to exist when the State of Colorado was admitted to the Union in 1876.

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