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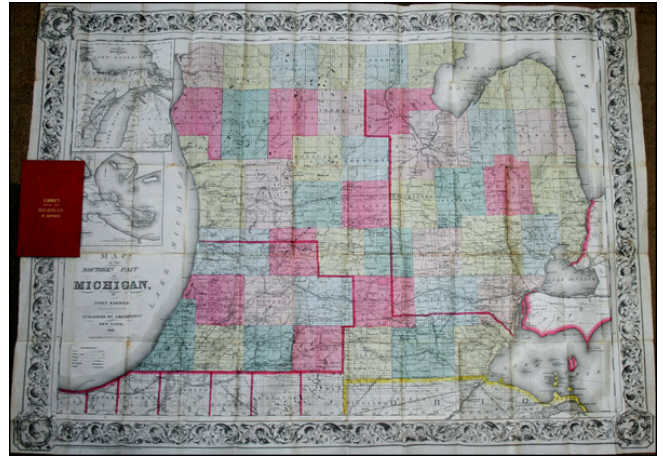
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Map of the Southern Part of Michigan By John Farmer . . . 1856

Stock#: 29395
Map Maker: Farmer
Date: 1856
Place: New York
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 33 x 23 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Near flawless example of Farmer's map of Southern Michigan, colored by counties.

This would appear to be the second edition of the map, first published in 1855.

OCLC locates 1 example of the 1855, 2 examples of the 1856, and 1 example of the 1857 editions of the map.

John Farmer is perhaps the single most important map maker and surveyor in the history of the mapping of Michigan. Farmer was invited by Governor Cass and the trustees of the University of Michigan to move from Albany, New York, to Michigan in 1821. His first major work was the surveying and creation of the first published map of Michigan. In 1825, he issued the first of a number of printed maps of Michigan, Wisconsin, Lake Superior, and Detroit, most of which he also engraved.

In 1831, Farmer compiled and drew for the governor and judges of the state the first and only map of Detroit. Farmer's early maps were extremely influential in promoting the extensive emigration to Michigan that occurred between 1825 and 1840. John Farmer's son, Silas, was born in Detroit, Michigan, in 1839, and was brought up working in his father's business, where he continued the publication of maps well into the 1880s. For a period of time, Farmer's maps were licensed to J.H. Colton.

The present example, published in 1863, is the 2nd edition of this map of Michigan published by Farmer in Detroit under his own name. The Second edition may be distinguished from the first, as the first to include Silas Farmer's name, listing him as the successor to his father.



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Detailed Condition:

Pocket map with red leather cover and gilt title on frontice. Very minor discoloration at one or two folds, but generally a fine example.