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(State of Deseret Configuration with Brownsville Shown) Stati Uniti Dell' America Settentrionale

Stock#: 35877
Map Maker: Civelli
Date: 1855 circa
Place: Milan
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 15.5 x 12 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Washingtonia, Oregonia, and a Number of Other Strange Territorial Configurations.

Scarce Italian-produced map of the United States during a time of very interesting territorial borders, published just before the onset of the Civil War. The map is particularly interesting as it illustrates the western territories as they appeared from 1854 to 1860.

One of the most interesting features on the map is the unusual appearance of Brownsville, Utah (1847-1851), the short-lived name of the town of Ogden, Utah, prior to its becoming chartered as the City of Ogden by the General Assembly of the State of Deseret in February 1851. Originally called Fort Buenaventura, it was noted as an excellent settlement location by Captain James Brown of the Mormon Battalion in 1847 and in November 1847, was purchased by the LDS Church from its owner, Miles Goodyear, on the instructions of Brigham Young. From January 1848 onward, it was available for free settlement to colonists who came north from Salt Lake. Originally called Brown's Settlement Ward or the Weber River Ward, it became the first LDS settlement in the future Weber County. It is strange that it would appear this early on an Italian map.

Other features of note include Minnesota covering most of present-day North and South Dakota. Nebraska and Kansas Territories fill the entire plains region with Nebraska extending all the way to the Canadian boundary. Washington and Oregon both extend eastward to the Rocky Mountains. Utah and New Mexico are both shown in some of their largest configurations. No sign yet appears on the map of Arizona, Nevada, Colorado, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana or the Dakotas.



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Several exploration routes are shown, including those of Fremont. The map was engraved by P. Bezzera in Milan.

Detailed Condition: