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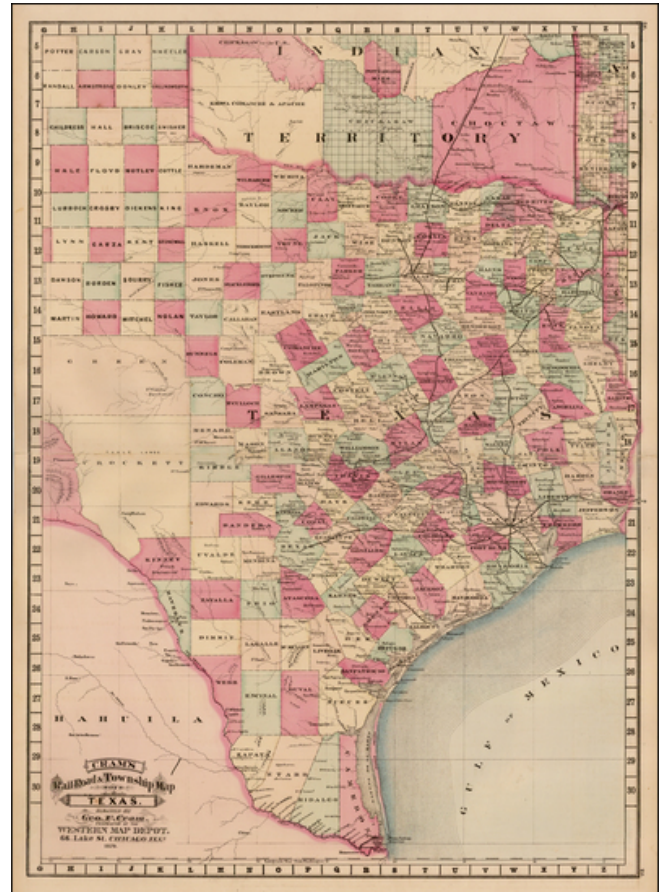
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Cram's Rail Road & Township Map of Texas. Published By George F. Cram, Proprietor of the Western Map Depot . . . 1879.

Stock#: 39395
Map Maker: Cram
Date: 1879
Place: Chicago
Color: Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 28.5 x 21 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fine example of Cram's Railroad & Township Map of Texas, one of the rarest of the earliest large format maps to illustrate the railroad system in Texas..

Cram's map of Texas went through several variant states and titles between 1875 and 1879, making the history of the map somewhat difficult to ascertain, except upon closer inspection. There are at least 3 early states of the map. The earliest we have identified, bearing the same title, was issued in 1875. The title is in the Gulf of Mexico and the map is narrower than the present map, but would appear to be the same plate. A second edition, which is wider and encompasses all of Indian Territory, was issued in both atlas and pocket map format in 1876 under the title *Cram's New Rail Road & County Map of Texas. Showing Latest Government Surveys &c &c*. The title remains in the Gulf of Mexico. The final state (offered



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here), is the same width as the 1876 map, but only includes a portion of Indian Territory. The title has been moved into Cahahuila and a number of Western Counties have been added, among other noteworthy changes. However, the plate would appear to be almost certainly the same plate as the 1876 map and apparently the 1875 as well. This last edition also includes a number and letter key on the sides and text on the verso, including census information by county.

Cram's map of Texas is constructed on a very large scale and shows towns, counties, railroads, proposed railroads, stations and many other early features. The massive Territory of Young and Territory of Bexar have been replaced by oversized Green and Crockett Counties and a number of smaller counties.

We previously offered the 1876 map in wall map format in 2006. The map more commonly appears in pocket map format.

It has been opined by some commentators that the map was possibly inspired by E. H. Ross (*Ross' New Connected County & Railroad Map of Texas and Indian Territory*, issues in 1871, 1872, and 1873).

Detailed Condition: