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## [Russian Exploration Map] [The most important routes of cross-continental passages and scientific expeditions in Siberia from the end of the 16th to the 18th centuries] (Title in Russian)

**Stock#:** 42761  
**Map Maker:** Anonymous  
**Date:** 1940 circa  
**Place:** n.p.  
**Color:** Color  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 22 x 16 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

Finely detailed Russian map, showing the tracks of over 100 different overland and coastal expeditions within Russia and contiguous waters between 1581 and 1793, from the Russian translation of Gerard Friedrich Müller's *Istoriia Sibiri*.

The map includes an extensive key identifying each route by color, etc.

The map illustrates the early history of exploration and scientific expeditions in and around Siberia between 1581 and 1793.

Published in Moscow and Leningrad between 1937 and 1941, this two-volume work is the first printed version of the extremely important pioneering study of Siberian history undertaken by the German scholar Gerard Müller, while in service to Empress Elizabeth (r.1741-62). This important manuscript history has often been studied, but was never published until the Soviet period. The timing of its publication was related to Stalin's build-up of Siberia as an industrial base and to Japanese aggression in East Asia. The Red Army sporadically fought against the Japanese in Siberia during the 1930s. At the same time, Soviet scholars prepared this map for publication in volume 2 of Müller's *Istoriia Sibiri*, which appeared in 1941, on the eve of Nazi Germany's invasion of the Soviet Union.

Special thanks to Chester Dunning for his help with the map!

### Detailed Condition: