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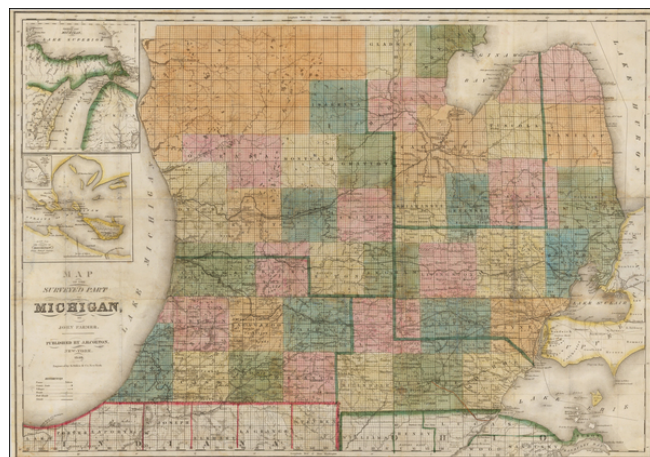
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Map of the Surveyed Part of Michigan. By John Farmer. . . 1840

Stock#: 44630
Map Maker: Farmer
Date: 1840
Place: New York
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 33 x 23 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

One of The Best Maps of Michigan in the Period Immediately After Statehood.

The present map was first issued in 1837 and continued to be offered until 1855. Focusing in on the part of Michigan surveyed by the General Land Office, the map provides a remarkable look at the hydrographical features of the unsettled regions in the northwestern part of the the map, along with the early counties. In the south, the earliest roads and towns are shown.

John Farmer's maps of Michigan are among the earliest maps of Michigan and are highly sought after among collectors.

Farmer was born in Half Moon, NY in 1798, educated near Albany and taught at the Lancastrian School in Albany. He relocated to Michigan in 1821 at the invitation of Governor Cass and the Trustees of the University of Michigan. He engaged in extensive survey work and published his first map of Michigan in 1826. Over the next 5 years, he was responsible for a total of 12 maps, many of which he engraved himself, including the first map of Detroit.

Farmer's early maps were largely influential in promoting the extensive emigration to Michigan that occurred between 1825 and 1840.

The present map was first issued in 1837 and re-issued in 1839, 1840 and 1845. All examples are rare on the market. We note only a single example in a dealer catalog in the past 30 years (1840 edition) and one example at auction in the past 60 years (per RareBookHub.com, 1837 edition).



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Detailed Condition:

Flattened and archivally backed. Some minor restoration at several fold intersections.