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Published by G.L. Holt, Cheyenne, Wyo. . . .**

Stock#: 51517
Map Maker: Holt
Date: 1883
Place: Washington D.C.
Color: Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 20.5 x 24 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fine example of the 1883 edition of G.L. Holt's seminal early map of Wyoming, the most important separately issued map of Wyoming published in the 19th century.

Holt's map was originally published in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Issued seven years before statehood, it delineates only eight counties. Topography and hydrology are well developed, shows Yellowstone National Park, Shoshone Indian Reservation, towns, railroads, telegraph lines, common roads, and the areas containing coal and gypsum.

In 1883 the cattle industry comprised 90% of all commerce, but the brutal winter of 1886-87 dealt a disastrous setback to this limited economy and contributed to delaying statehood. Blevins calls this "fantastic" map the most detailed and accurate of the period because of its scale and sources.

G.L. Holt's maps of Wyoming are the earliest commercially published maps of Wyoming to show the Territory in significant detail. Holt's maps were produced between 1883 and ca.1890. They show the development and settlement of Wyoming and include the location of some early ranches and trails.

Rumsey describes the 1885 Holt map as an outstanding map full of interesting detail on all matter of subjects. Wheat states that students of early Wyoming history will sometimes find Holt their most helpful cartographic tool.



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Holt would later advertise his map as the only reliable and accurate map of Wyoming ever published.

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Detailed Condition: