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Colton's Map of Kansas, Nebraska, Dakota, & Indian Territory

Stock#: 53789
Map Maker: Colton
Date: 1865
Place: New York
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 26 x 16 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Scarce Civil War era Colton map of the Mid-Continent, pre-dating the formation of Wyoming and Dakota, which was likely only printed from 1864 to 1866, with minor changes.

The map covers the upper half of Texas, eastern half of Colorado and an unusually shaped Dakota, predating Wyoming and Montana.

This region saw rapid settlement and growth in this period. Nebraska Territory and Kansas Territory were created in 1854 out of the old Missouri Territory. In 1861, Kansas attained statehood, while the Nebraska



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Territory, lost two-thirds of its land to the newly created Dakota Territory, and the Territory of Colorado was created. The western parts of the states to the east, lining the Mississippi River, are shown with considerable development. The only similar area of settlement and county creation for the rest of the map occurs in eastern Texas and the eastern parts of Kansas and Nebraska. The western parts of that state and territory, along with Dakota and Colorado are depicted as relatively undeveloped. Considerable interesting information is shown, however, in these areas, with rivers, lakes, some topography, routes of explorers, forts, and the like. Three large Indian reservations are depicted in the Indian Territory, and Indian tribes are noted elsewhere. Of particular interest is the graphic portrayal of the "Great Route to California and Oregon via South Pass," extending from Omaha to Fort Laramie and beyond.

Most of Nebraska and Kansas are Indian lands. Indian Territory is divided into three regions, the Chahlakee, Muscogee and Chata, with various tribes disbursed into each. The map names many Indian tribes and villages, forts, rivers, mountains, towns, explorer's routes, railroad lines forts and other details. A scarce map, which rarely appears on the market.

Detailed Condition:

Minor foxing.