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Johnson's California, Territories of New Mexico and Utah

Stock#: 55779

Map Maker: Johnson & Browning

Date: 1861
Place: New York
Color: Hand Colored

Condition: VG

Size: 24×17 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

One of the most fascinating transitional maps of the American Southwest

Between 1860 and 1870, Alvin Jewett Johnson published a series of maps of the American Southwest which often changed more than once a year, depicting the evolution of Territorial boundaries. The present maps is one of the scarcest and most interesting.

Despite the title, Arizona appears below New Mexico, a configuration referred to as the Baylor Line.

A nascent Nevada appears in one of its oddest configurations, with the southern part of Nevada cut off and the boundary too far east.

Utah is far wider than its final boundary, while Colorado is not yet shown.

Many counties to the east of California extend nearly to the western boundary of Texas.

The map includes explorers routes, the major routes of commerce, towns, forts, Indian tribes, mountains, rivers, roads, mining districts, proposed railroad routes, important dates in the evolution of the US-Mexico Boundary, etc.

Johnson's map of the West is one of the most interesting and collectable maps of the period. The maps were updated annually or more often, showing profound territorial boundary changes and county formations from year to year and even within a single year.

A comprehensive collection of maps of the American West is incomplete without a good run of these maps.



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Detailed Condition:

Centerfold reinforced on verso. Two small tears in the lower corners, repaired on verso.