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Iowa and Wisconsin Chiefly from the Map of J.N. Nicollet

Stock#: 60465
Map Maker: Morse & Breese
Date: 1844
Place: New York
Color: Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 15 x 12.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare early example of Morse & Breese's issue of the seminal Nicollet Map of the Upper Missouri River and Mississippi River Valleys.

Tremendous map of Wisconsin and the Upper Plains, following the Missouri River beyond Ft. Mandan and the Little Missouri to the White Earth River.

The map is based upon JN Nicollet's map of the *Hydrographical Basin of the Upper Mississippi and Missouri*, the single most map of this region during the period. A handful of early counties in Wisconsin and Iowa appear, with Iowa extending to the Canadian Border. The detail between the Mississippi and the Missouri River is extraordinary for the period. Lots of Indian and early American Fort and exploration details throughout. Indian trails and villages are also noted.

Morse & Breese's *North American Atlas* was a landmark in American Cartography, being the first atlas to employ the cerographic printing process, which would revolutionize the map trade. The Morse family and this process are the subject of David Woodward's *The All American Map*. The maps were first printed in a series of inserts which appeared in the *New York Post*, and then later as a separate atlas.

An essential map for American Map collectors, illustrating an important change in the history of printed maps and the only truly American cartographic publishing innovation.

Detailed Condition: