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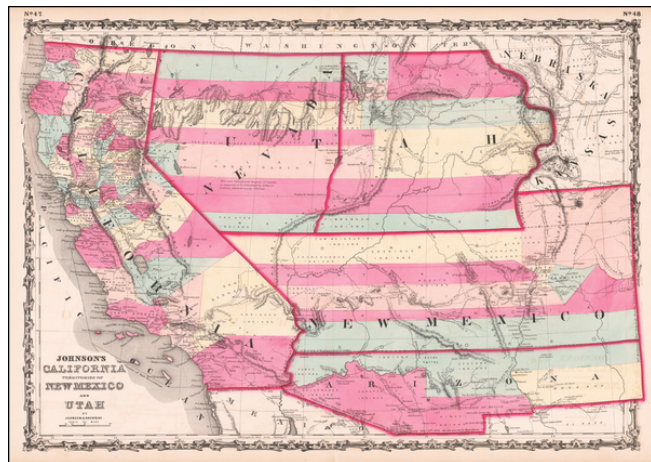
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Johnson's California, Territories of New Mexico and Utah

Stock#: 61164
Map Maker: Johnson & Browning
Date: 1860
Place: New York
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 24 x 17 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

First State of Johnson's Map of California and the American Southwest

True first state of Johnson & Browning's map of the Southwest.

Johnson's series of maps of the Southwest, published over two decades during and after the Civil War, provides a comprehensive look at the evolution of the American Southwest during the period where the territories of the American Southwest were being created, boundaries established and periodically changed.

In this first edition of the map, Arizona appears below New Mexico (Baylor Line), a nascent Nevada appears, taking a large chunk out of California and with a truncated bottom, Utah is far wider than its final configuration, and Colorado has yet to appear. Many counties run from California to the Western Boundary of Texas, across all of New Mexico. The map also includes explorers routes, the major routes of commerce, towns, forts, Indian tribes, mountains, rivers, roads, mining districts, proposed railroad routes, and important dates in the evolution of the US-Mexico Boundary, etc.

The first state of the map can be distinguished from the second state by the page numbers, with the first state numbered 47-48, while the second state is 54-55. In 1861, Johnson shows the boundaries of the newly formed Colorado Territory, which is not present in this first edition of the map. As noted by Ira Lourie in the Johnson Mapping Project, the first state shows:

AZ & NM above each other; NV boundary extends in the north W from about longitude 113 to



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120 then due S to Mormon Settlement then SE to southern border which is the same as UT's.

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.

The first state of the map is rarely seen on the market.

Detailed Condition: