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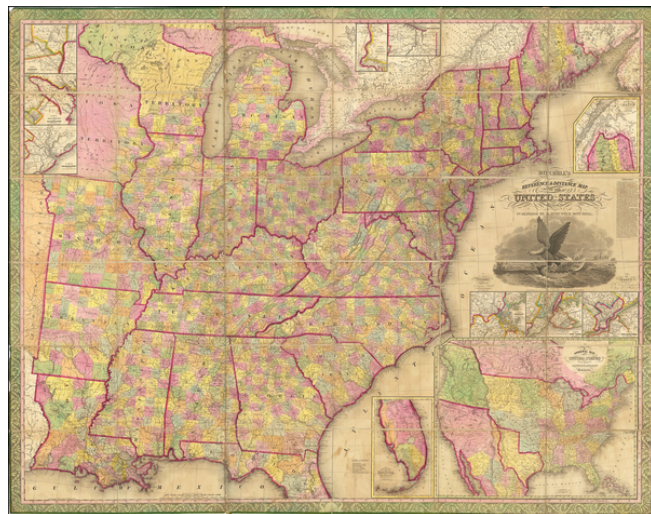
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Mitchell's Reference & Distance Map of the United States . . . 1845

Stock#: 63083
Map Maker: Mitchell

Date: 1845
Place: Philadelphia
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 72.5 x 56.5 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

A Fine Example in Full Original Color

Fantastic large format map of the United States, which includes as an inset map *Mitchell's General Map of the United States . . .*

Samuel Augustus Mitchell first published his reference and Distance map in 1833, including a large coast to coast map of the United States in the lower right corner. First issued in 1833, the map was significantly revised and re-issued in 1845 with a new copyright, and revised again in 1849.

This map, like most maps made prior to the Mexican War, does not extend as far west as the Pacific, stopping near the Missouri Kansas border. Iowa is shown in an early Territorial configuration, as is Wisconsin Territory.

The large inset map illustrates the early Transmississippi Western territorial boundaries, with a massive Oregon Territory, large Missouri Territory (pre-dating Nebraska Territory), and massive Indian Territory reaching to the modern day borders of Colorado and Wyoming. Upper or New California is still labeled "Unexplored Regions", on the eve of the Mexican War, with Texas shown as a Republic and a narrow ill delineated New Mexico still part of Mexico. The mapping of the region would change dramatically in the next few years with the maps of Charles Fremont, the United States Exploring Expedition and the US Surveys in search of a practicable transcontinental railroad route.

Rarity



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The present example is especially desirable, because it is dissected and laid on linen in the original covers. While the map appears occasionally in wall map format, it is very unusual to see the map in case map format.

Detailed Condition:

Dissected and laid on linen, as issued.