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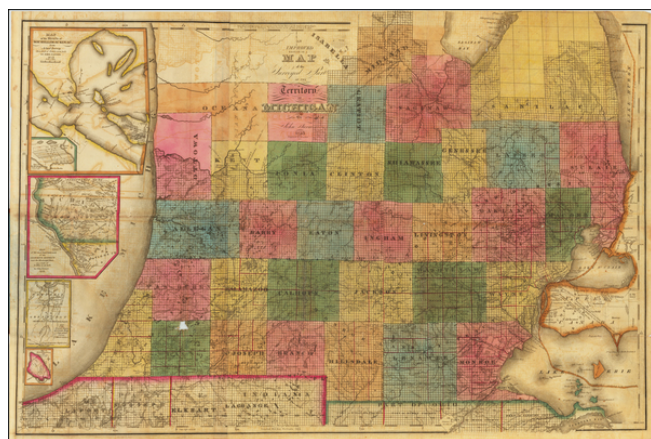
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An Improved Edition of A Map of the Surveyed Part of the Territory of Michigan By John Farmer 1835.

Stock#: 63305
Map Maker: Farmer
Date: 1835
Place: Detroit
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 31 x 20.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare First State of Farmer's "Improved Edition" in Vibrant Original Color

Important early map of Michigan Territory, published by Michigan's most important map maker, John Farmer.

The present map is Farmer's first new map of Michigan Territory since the publication of his 1831 map, which accompanied his *Emigrant's Guide, or Pocket Gazetteer of the Surveyed Part of Michigan*. In the intervening 4 years, many new towns were established and now appear on this 1835 map for the first time, including:

- Kelamazoo (corrected the following year to Kalamazoo)
- Grand Rapids
- Battle Creek

A very scarce and important map of Michigan Territory, colored by counties. This map shows the lower section of Michigan, roughly to the bottom of Saginaw Bay. It is not to be confused with a map of the same period by Farmer which shows both Michigan and Wisconsin. The fact that Farmer was publishing in Detroit and would have been most aware of new towns popping up makes it quite likely that this is the first appearance of these three, and other, towns.

Kalamazoo was originally platted as Bronson by Titus Bronson in 1831. However, the founder was so unpopular that he was run out of town and the town renamed Kalamazoo in 1836, meaning that this map, which calls the town "Kelamazoo" pre-dates the official name change.



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Grand Rapids had estimated population of 50 in 1834 and was not incorporated as a village until 1838.

This up-to-date depiction of the development of Michigan's frontier make this a key map in tracking the history of this region. The principal meridian and base line for Michigan are shown along with township and range numbers for the public land survey of the state. Areas of private (French) claims are shown along the Raisin River and Detroit River.

Inset maps include:

- Straits of Mackinac
- Private Claims at Green Bay Township
- Iowa County near the junction of the Mississippi and Little Platte Rivers.
- Map of Pte. St. Ignace
- Michillimackinac Island

John Farmer's maps of Michigan are among the earliest and most important maps of Michigan and are highly sought after among collectors. Farmer was born in Half Moon, New York in 1798, educated near Albany and taught at the Lancastrian School in Albany. He relocated to Michigan in 1821 at the invitation of Governor Cass and the Trustees of the University of Michigan.

Farmer engaged in extensive survey work and published his first map of Michigan in 1826. Over the next 5 years, he was responsible for a total of 12 maps, many of which he engraved himself, including the first map of Detroit. Farmer's early maps were largely influential in promoting the extensive emigration to Michigan that occurred between 1825 and 1840.

Rarity

The map is extremely rare on the market. We note no copies on the market in dealer catalogs or at auction since 1961.

Detailed Condition:

One small area of loss at a fold intersection in Cass County.