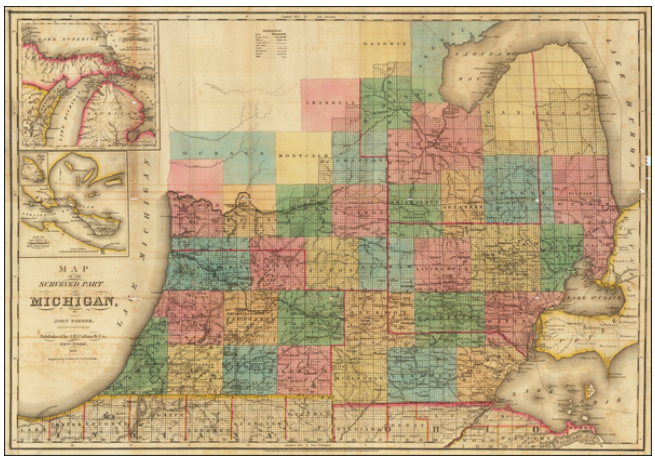
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Map of the Surveyed Part of Michigan. By John Farmer. . . 1837



Stock#: 64167
Map Maker: Farmer

Date: 1837
Place: New York
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 33 x 23 inches

Price: SOLD

Description:

The First Map of the State of Michigan

John Farmer's maps of Michigan are among the earliest maps of Michigan and are highly sought after among collectors.

The present map is the first state of the first separate map of Michigan alone as a state, published the same year as Farmer's map of Michigan and Wisconsin. It was also the first original Farmer map to have been published by J. H. Colton & Co., though Colton was credited as the publisher of an 1836 issue of Farmer's 1835 Map of Michigan. This map has a copyright date of 1836.

The 1837 map is drawn from a similar Farmer map published in 1835, but with a changed title to reflect Michigan's changed status from territory to state and a larger geographical footprint. Three inset maps include:

- Unsurveyed Part of Michigan
- Map of the Straits of Mackinaw
- Map of Mackinaw Isle.

Rumsey Notes:

> *1st issue, later issues to 1855. Farmer sold his map copyrights to Colton in 1835, and this is the first issue of the "new" Farmer map by Colton, also probably one of the first maps of Michigan as a state. It is copyright 1836, but 1837 was the first issue. Colton also issued in*

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1837 another Farmer map he acquired - "Map of the State of Michigan and Territory of Wisconsin..." which was copyright in 1835 (Karpinski 140). . . . The township and range lines are prominent on the map, and the text on the inside front cover tells us how to find our way if "totally lost" using these lines." The rectangular survey lines extend north to the Grand River, with Grand Rapids being the last town shown in the organized portion of the state. Karpinski 141. $2,000 net

Farmer was born in Half Moon, NY 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. He 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 present map was first issued in 1837 and re-issued in 1839, 1840 and 1845. All examples are rare on the market. We note only a single example in a dealer catalog in the past 30 years (1840 edition) and one example at auction in the past 60 years (per RareBookHub.com, 1837 edition).

Detailed Condition:
Several Repaired fold splits. Minor loss along several folds.