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Post Route Map of the State of Texas with Adjacent Parts of Louisiana, Arkansas, Indian Territory, and the Republic of Mexico Designed and Constructed Under the Orders of Postmaster General D. M. Key . . . 1878

Stock#: 65931
Map Maker: Post Office Department & Nicholson
Date: 1878
Place: Washington, DC
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG
Size: 57 x 42 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A Texas Sized Postal Map Without Post Routes!

First state of this important early map showing the Official Post Offices and Postal Routes in Texas in the last decade of the 19th Century.

The Key indicates that the map include Railroads, Mail Messengers, and the frequency of delivery, including once a week, twice a week, three times a week, six times a week and "Special Supply." Discontinued Offices are shown, as are the beginnings and ends of each mail route. However, the mail routes are curiously not included, suggesting that this may be a proof state.

Postal Maps in America date back to the mid-18th Century. The first Official Post map of the United States was published by Abraham Bradley in 1794. The tradition of regional Post maps began with David Burr in 1839 and was continued by W.L. Nicholson in the late 1860s. D.M. Key's name appears in the late 1870s. Charles Roeser's name begins to appear on Post Route maps in the 1880s, followed by Von Haake in the mid 1890s.

The present example seem to be the first state of the second postal map of Texas, pre-dating the addition of the actual postal routes, which would appear for the first time in 1879.

States of the Map



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We note a *Preliminary post route map of the state of Texas : with adjacent parts of Louisiana, Arkansas and Indian Territory* by W.L. Nicholson, first published in 1874 (42 x 38 inches).

A new Nicholson *Post Route Map of the State of Texas . . .* was issued in 1878 (without Post Routes). In 1879 (Yale Copy) and 1880 (New York Public Library copy), the routes were included, with later editions to at least 1884 (including an 1883 edition offered for sale by Eberstadt in 1963 for \$100).

The map was again completely revised and re-issued in 1889.

Rarity

All Texas Post Route maps are extremely rare on the market.

Detailed Condition:

Dissected and laid on linen.