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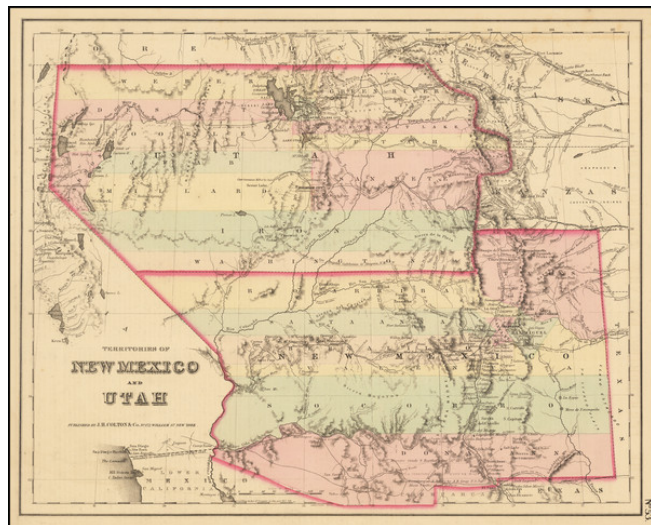
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Territories of New Mexico and Utah

Stock#: 67375
Map Maker: Colton
Date: 1857
Place: New York
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 15 x 12 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A cornerstone map, exceptionally detailed and showing many routes and places of interest in the settlement of the American West. This map was published several times from the mid-1850s through the 1870s.

This map shows Fremont's 1844 and 1845 routes, the Spanish trail from Los Angeles to New Mexico, Kearney's Route, Col. Washington's Expedition, the Cimmaron Route, and the location where Capt. Gunnison was ambushed by the Ute Indians. In addition, the map notes the proposed route of the Pacific railroad. The map also locates numerous forts, roads, Indian settlements, and a host of other early geographical features. This includes many dry arroyos as well as complex topography in the Basin and Range area. Numerous annotations provide historical context, for example southern Arizona is labeled "disputed territory."

Particularly curious are the layouts of counties in the territories. At least 5 of these cross the map from California to the Rockies, namely Iron, Washington, Socorro, Donna Anna, and the very narrow Valencia. These administrative divisions are fascinating and represent how the territories were governed at this time.

States of the Map

Twelve states of the map were published. These include:

- State 1: 1855. Publishers not mentioned in title block.



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- State 2: 1855-1856. By J. H. Colton 7 Co. NO. 172 William St. New York. 31° W, above neatline: Mexico.
- State 3: 1856. By J. H. Colton 7 Co. NO. 172 William St. New York. 31° W, above neatline: Chihuahua.
- State 4: 1857-1858. Plate number 53 (most other states is 51). Otherwise the same as State 3.
- State 5: 1859. By J. H. Colton 7 Co. NO. 172 William St. New York. 31° W, above neatline: Chihuahua. Arizona introduced in faint block letters at 33° N.
- State 6: 1859. By Johnson & Browning, 172 William St. New York. Bright red horizontal line at 34° showing a potential New Mexico/Arizona division.
- State 7: 1859-1860. By J. H. Colton 7 Co. NO. 172 William St. New York. Bright red horizontal line near 34° showing a potential New Mexico/Arizona division. Shows Colona.
- State 8: 1860. By Johnson & Browning, 172 William St. New York. Colona inserted arcing through eastern Colorado.
- State 9: 1860. Identical to State 7, but with Denver City shown.
- State 10: 1861-1862. Title changed to include Arizona, Colorado, and Nevada. Arcing "Colorado" and "Nevada" placed.
- State 10: 1862. Title changed to include Arizona, Colorado, and Nevada. Colorado and Nevada separate, no counties.
- State 10: 1863. Title changed to include Arizona, Colorado, and Nevada. Arizona and New Mexico have near modern boundaries. Plate number 67 (most other states is 51).

Detailed Condition: