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Map of the Republic of Honduras, Central America . . . 1885 [Presentation Copy Given By The Mapmaker to the President of Honduras]

Stock#: 67829
Map Maker: Rand McNally & Company
Date: 1885
Place: Chicago
Color: Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 50 x 37 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Presented by the Mapmaker to the President of Honduras

Finely executed map of Honduras, published by Abram Cutler and J.W. Gallup, and assisted by Dr. R. Fritzgaertner, who at the time was serving as the Government Geologist for Honduras and had recently served as Honduras's General Commissioner at the New Orleans World's Fair (World Cotton Centennial) in 1884-85. It is likely that this map was produced by Abram Cutler and J.W. Gallup from information brought to the America by Fritzgaertner during the fair.

The map is colored by departments, and includes topographical information, wagon roads, trails railroads, rivers, lakes, towns, etc. A large inset map at the top right corner focuses on the shipping routes and distances from points on the Gulf Coast and Cuba.

The map was prepared at at time when metallurgical investments in Honduras were of great interest in the United States and Europe, including gold, platinum, silver, copper, iron, tin and other metals. In a number of articles during this period in American and European Newspapers, it was also noted that mining activities were not taxed in Hondruas, and that "the Government [of Honduras] is so anxious to encourage industry that it will render all assistance in its power for the transportation of machinery, and will free it from export duties." *Glasgow Herald*, October 6, 1882.

Includes the following inscription:



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*To his Excellency General Don Luis Bogran, President of Honduras | Respectfully presented
by his ??? friend & Servt. Dr. R. Fritzgaertner*

Kansan Abram Cutler was the chief engineer of a projected railroad in Honduras from Truxillo to Puerto Cortez. In 1884 and 1885, his name appears in a number of newspapers in Kansas and Missouri, where he was attempting to raise capital for the railroad. Prior to this period, he seems to have been in the mining business in the Ouray, Colorado area between about 1877 and 1881. According to a letter in the August 29, 1891, *Lawrence Journal* from his wife, Cutler apparently died in Honduras in 1891.

We were unable to find any significant information regarding J.W. Gallup.

Note on the map states:

***Copies of this Map can be obtained by applying to Charles Hedges, General Agent,
Galveston, Texas, or Rand, McNally & Co., Chicago.***

Luis Bogran

Luis Bográn Barahona (1849 - 1895) served two consecutive terms as President of Honduras from November 30, 1883 to November 30, 1891. He was a member of a prominent and wealthy political family. The last name "Bográn" derives from the French surname "Beaugrand". Luis Bográn was half-brother and first cousin of future president Francisco Bográn and first cousin of future president Miguel Paz Barahona.

Rarity

OCLC locates a single copy (Harvard). The Library of Congress also holds a copy.

Detailed Condition: