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A Map of the United States Including Every County Enumerated in the Last Census & Since Formed . . . by H.S. Tanner. 1843

Stock#: 68310 Map Maker: Tanner

Date: 1845

Place: Philadelphia Color: Hand Colored

Condition: Good

Size: 61 x 46 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare 1843 edition of Tanner's separately issued map of the United States, with significant updates and additions from prior editions of the map.

Tanner's map of the United States was first engraved in 1829 with major revisions in 1843 as indicated by the copyright.

The map was engraved by Tanner with assistance from E.B. Dawson, W. Allen, and J. Knight. It shows the Independent Republic of Texas as "Part of Texas." Curiously, Victoria county is not named, but the short-lived judicial county of Spring Creek is shown. Locates counties and land grants. Names San Antonio, Colorado, Gonzales, Bastrop, La Feyette, Ft. Houston, Robertson, Red River, and Jasper to name a few.

The US-Canadian boundary extends to the Lake of the Woods, with an annotation noting the Treaty of 1818 and the significance of the 49th Parallel. In the Northeast the border settlement by the Convention of 1842 is shown, as is the earlier 1831 boundary as settled through arbitration by William I, King of Holland. Includes nice detail along the Missouri River, naming Fort Mandan and numerous Indian tribes, with their populations noted. The map also locates the routes and portages between lakes, the American Fur Co., and numerous trading posts.

The map is bounded at the sides with 14 large city plans and a chart of the "South Part of Florida." The plans include the cities of New Orleans, Charleston, Cincinnati, two of New York City, Boston, Albany, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and Washington D.C., which contains a floor plan of the Capitol



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building. Above the main map is a large inset "Oregon and Mandan Districts" that contains a small inset "Outlet of Oregon River" which names Astoria. The legend describes Important Towns, Small Towns & Villages, Canals, Rail Roads, and McAdamized Roads. Good detail of the National Road that was fully McAdamized between Cambridge, Ohio and Terra Haute, Indiana.

As noted by Ristow, "Tanner undertook the ambitious task of compiling a large map, the United States of America, which he copyrighted on June 10, 1829. It is at the scale of 1:2,000,000, somewhat larger than Melish's 1816 map of the United States. . . Tanner's United States of America has thirteen inset maps, principally of cities and their environs, a statistical table, and profiles of a number of canals and railroad rights of way..." Rumsey refers to the map as "one of best early large maps of the United States and the premier map for its period."

Rarity

The post 1840 editions of the map are very are on the market. In December 2005, the Babinski copy of the 1841 edition of the map sold for \$19,500 (Swann, Lot 83). In 2010 an 1844 example of the map sold at OWA for \$10,925. The Old Print Shop offered an example of the 1844 edition for \$20,000 in 2006.

Detailed Condition: