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A New Map of Texas, Oregon and California with the Regions adjoining Compiled from the most recent authorities . . . 1846

Stock#: 69805
Map Maker: Mitchell
Date: 1846
Place: Philadelphia
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 22 x 20 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

One of the Most Important Commercial Maps of the Pre-Gold Rush Era

Finely colored example of the 1846 version of Mitchell's seminal map of Texas, Oregon Territory, California, and the Transmississippi West.

Mitchell's map of the West was one of the first large format commercially published maps to show the Transmississippi West, after the annexation of Texas in 1845 and was perhaps the single most popular map of the period, used by emigrants, gold seekers and others whose lives, fortunes or attentions were focused Westward at the outset of the Mexican-American War.

Beginning in 1846, the Transmississippi West was of particular interest because of two recent and related events. In 1845, Texas had been admitted to the Union, which prompted Mexico, in 1846, to invade Texas, thus precipitating the U.S.-Mexican war. General curiosity about the new state and interest in the war led to Mitchell's timely map becoming quite popular. As stated in the "*Accompaniment to Mitchell's new map of Texas, Oregon and California...*," in which the map was sometimes issued, Mitchell used the latest and best sources for the map, including Arrowsmith's 1841 map of Texas, Fremont's and Emory's maps of their



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explorations in the region, data from the Lewis & Clark expedition, Nicollet's map of the region between the Mississippi and the Missouri, Wilkes map of Oregon.

The map shows Texan claims to the Upper Rio Grande in present day New Mexico. These claims were eventually given up as part of the Great Compromise of 1850, in exchange for in return for federal assumption of Texas' public debt.

This is a striking map of tremendous importance in the westward expansion of the American Frontier.

Detailed Condition:

Original hand-color. Backed on archival tissue repairing one clean tear into the image which enters the image near Iowa City, from the right edge, and continues west-northwest to the Canadian border near "Black Foot Indians".