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## [New Mexico or Santa Fe?] North America . . . 1848

**Stock#:** 74926  
**Map Maker:** Mitchell  
**Date:** 1848  
**Place:** Philadelphia  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 12.5 x 15.5 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

#### ***New Mexico or Santa Fe?***

Interesting 1848 edition of Mitchell's map of North America, from an early edition of Mitchell's *New Universal Atlas*.

The map shows Upper California as a still well delineated part of Mexico on the eve of the Mexican War, but Texas is now part of the United States, as is a region labeled "New Mexico or Santa Fe", in the same lettering style as the other states of the United States.

The designation of New Mexico or Santa Fe is a curious one. The illustrated border straddles the US and Mexico, placing the region in both countries. With the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo signed on February 2, 1848, New Mexico became a part of the United States, but the Territory of New Mexico was not formed until September 9, 1850. The region illustrated would be divided between Texas and New Mexico as part of the Compromise.



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The geographical knowledge of the West still predates Fremont's reports East of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. The Western United States is dominated by Texas and several early Territories, including Missouri Territory (extending to the Rocky Mountains), Oregon Territory and a massive Indian Territory, extending from Missouri Territory to the newly annexed Texas.

**Detailed Condition:**