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## Map of the United States from the Latest Authorities . . . 1846 (with the Republic of Texas)

**Stock#:** 74938  
**Map Maker:** Ensign  
**Date:** 1846  
**Place:** New York  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 46 x 38 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

#### ***One of the Only American Wall Maps to Feature a Specific Focus on the Republic of Texas.***

Early and very rare 1846 edition of Timothy and Edward Hooker Ensign's *Map of the United States from the Latest Authorities*.

This early edition is noteworthy for its inclusion of insets of Texas (in later editions exchanged for an inset of the entire Transmississippi West) and Oregon Territory, as well as a detailed treatment of Iowa Territory.

In the inset map, Texas is colored by counties, showing Texas as an independent republic (in a county configuration most consistent with 1844). This makes sense, as the copyright date on the map is 1845. Such a prominent focus on Texas for a wall map of the United States is unsurprising given the geopolitics of the time; the map was published as the Mexican-American War had begun or was just about to begin.

At the top center is an inset of Oregon Territory, shown shortly after the Oregon Treaty established the border between British North America and the United States along the 49th parallel until the Strait of Georgia, where the marine boundary curved south to exclude Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands from the United States.

The map also incorporates an oversized Iowa Territory (incorporated all of Minnesota), with the "Neutral



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Territory Ceded by the Sioux and the Sacs & Foxes in 1830" shown. Massive large counties are shown in northern Wisconsin. The area section of the future Kansas and Nebraska shown west of the Missouri River is still Indian Territory, with many tribal names shown.

**Rarity**

OCLC locates no examples of the 1846 edition or any earlier edition. We have seen one other example for sale almost a decade ago.

**Detailed Condition:**

Original hand-color, retouched. Linen renewed. Some areas of loss, primarily in the blank margins, were filled with new paper. Good to VG.