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Oregon and Upper California . . . 1847

Stock#: 74947
Map Maker: Mitchell

Date: 1847
Place: Philadelphia
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 12.5 x 15.5 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

The First Map of the West in an American Atlas

Rare 1847 edition of the best atlas map of the Western United States issued prior to the Civil War, reflecting Americans' contemporary knowledge of the West.

The map shows the Spanish Trail, Lewis & Clark's Canoe Route, Oregon Trail, early roads, towns, Indian tribes, mining claims, etc.

This is the first map of the West to appear in an American Atlas. This 1847 map is the second state of the first edition of the map, which can be determined by the lack of a page number, having been inserted in the second issue of the 1846 Mitchell Universal Atlas and the 1847 as well. The difference between this and later editions is very clear. The Great Basin information pre-dates Fremont. The route to San Diego from the Gila has not yet been included. The elevation of the pass in the Sierras is shown. The Owens Valley (River and Lake) is not yet present. Humboldt and Nicollet Lakes are not yet present. Fremont's route to Oregon is shown, but his route from Walker Lake to Salt Lake is not shown, nor is any of the

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regional cartography.

The region between Mud Lake and Salt Lake City are similarly uncharted by Fremont. The tributaries of the Upper Colorado River are substantially incomplete, lacking the White River, Red River etc. The Gila River is shown with its terminus in the Gulf of Mexico and with a radically incorrect course and apocryphal tributaries. There is an apocryphal Sevier River along Rio Colorado. The border with Mexico is also substantially south of its true course.

Pre-1850 editions of this map are becoming much scarcer on the market.

Detailed Condition: