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Nebraska and Kansas (Rare Edition!)

Stock#: 80165
Map Maker: Colton
Date: 1857
Place: New York
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 20 x 27 inches
Price: Not Available



Description:

Rare Late State with the Insets of the Gadsden Purchase and Nebraska-Kansas-Missouri-Iowa Corridor.

Rare late state of this already rare and important separately issued map of Kansas and Nebraska, published by J.H. Colton in New York. This is the fourth edition one of the most sought-after maps of the Transmississippi West, notable for its primacy in showing the states of Nebraska and Kansas, as well as for its size and accuracy in the Rocky Mountain region.

Colton's map is the first printed map to show the configurations of Nebraska and Kansas after the creation of Kansas Territory. The map encompasses the territories of Nebraska and Kansas as well as the surrounding areas. It extends westward to the Great Salt Lake and to Crockett, Texas in the south.



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The first inset at the bottom of the map shows the recently acquired Gadsden Purchase, completed in 1854. This Gadsden Purchase allowed for the southwards extension of Arizona and New Mexico. This extended the territory further past the more mountainous regions of these states, which Southerners believed would allow for the completion of a southern transcontinental line. This was delayed due to conflicts regarding slavery.

The inset in the lower left shows the Mississippi River between Sioux City and southern Missouri. This inset is based on Colton's maps of the region issued in his *New General Atlas*.

The map shows a number of interesting vignettes showing settlers, the wildlife, and Native Americans are pictured. Many curious notes abound, including one that reads that "All the Indian Tribes under the protection of the United States recognize a Head or principal Chief through whom all transactions with the government are conducted." This and other notes suggests that one of the maps many intended uses would have been for westward migrating settlers.

State and Rarity

As noted by Rumsey (describing this edition of the map):

Fourth edition, with the inset at the lower left of the United States replaced by a taller, large-scale inset map of the eastern counties of Nebraska and Kansas. The main map is mostly unchanged, with only a few railroad routes added. The addition of the detailed county map inset was probably due to the "bleeding Kansas" troubles of 1856. Map is full color by state, folded into brown cloth covers 15x9 with "Nebraska And Kansas" stamped in gilt, advertisement for Colton on inside front cover. Relief shown by hachures.

Unlike earlier states, there are some unusual features to the route of the Northern Pacific. For example, at the eastern terminus on the map, near St. Paul, an additional route is added heading due eastwards.

This is the first time have ever had this late edition.

Detailed Condition:

Loss in upper left corner professionally and expertly restored. Other areas of thinning rebacked expertly.