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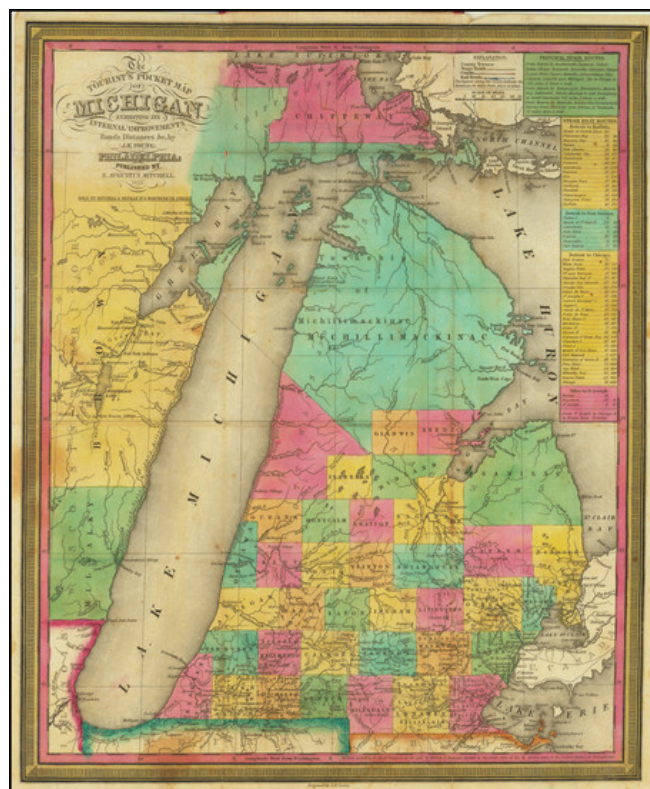
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The Tourist's Pocket Map of Michigan exhibiting its Internal Improvements, Roads, Distances &c. by J.H. Young

Stock#: 80270
Map Maker: Mitchell
Date: 1835
Place: Philadelphia
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 12.5 x 15 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

An Early Map of Michigan Territory

Finely colored example of the rare second state of Samuel Augustus Mitchell's rare separately published map of Michigan, published 2 years before Michigan would become a state in 1837.

A fine example of this rare early pocket map, which shows the eastern portion of Michigan Territory (including Milwaukie County and Brown County on the west side of Lake Michigan, but omitting the recently acquired area to the west. In 1834, all of the lands acquired in the Louisiana Purchase that were as yet unallocated and lay east of the Missouri River (generally, the Dakotas, Iowa and the western half of Minnesota) were attached to the Michigan Territory, an area that was officially characterized as "north of Missouri and east of the Missouri and White Earth Rivers." At this point, Michigan Territory included what is now the states of Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota and a large portion of the Dakotas. This configuration would last until July 3, 1836, when in preparation for Michigan statehood, the Wisconsin



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Territory was organized from the westernmost part of Michigan Territory. The map does not, however, show the strip of land which would be the subject of the so-called Toledo War of 1835.

In the Upper Peninsula, only Chippeway county is shown, along with a larger area also labeled Chippeways.

The map also shows a curious "Township of Michillimackinac." Michillimackinac County was created on October 26, 1818, by proclamation of territorial governor Lewis Cass. The county originally encompassed the Lower Peninsula of Michigan north of Macomb County and almost the entire present Upper Peninsula. At the time of founding, the county seat was the community of Michillimackinac Island on Michillimackinac Island, later known as Mackinac Island, Michigan. This has been an important center for fur trading before the 1830s, when European demand declined. The county was organized in 1849 as Mackinac County.

The map also includes an early attempt to show townships in Western Michigan. This is most apparently in Kalamazoo County (where the townships of Arcadia and Brady are loosely drawn as if they were counties) and in Cass and St. Joseph Counties.

Kalamazoo was originally platted as Bronson by Titus Bronson in 1831. However, the founder was so unpopular that he was run out of town and the town renamed Kalamazoo in 1836, meaning that this map, which calls the town "Kelamazoo" pre-dates the official name change.

The Grand River Road is also shown, including a number of Muck-a-ta-sha's Village, McCoy's Miss Station, Kewa-goosh-cums Villages, Co-coose's Village, and Generau's Trading Post, these being what appear to be some of the northernmost settlements on the western side of Michigan proper.

Rarity

AMPR lists one example of the 1835 in a dealer catalog (High Ridge Books, 1988).

RBH lists 1 example of the 1835 at auction in the past 80 years (Park Bernet 1968) and 1 example of the 1834 first edition in the same time period (Randall and Windle, 1979). The Streeter sale only included an 1839 edition.

Detailed Condition:



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Original folder present. Minor foxing and soiling. Fine original color.