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Chapin's Ornamental Map of the United States with the New Western Possessions... 1865

Stock#: 88445
Map Maker: Chapin / Ensign, Bridgeman & Fanning
Date: 1865
Place: New York
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 59 x 47 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

No Copies in OCLC. Unrecorded Final Edition.

Very late and rare edition of William Chapin's famous *Ornamental Map of the United States*, published by Ensign, Bridgeman & Fanning in 1865.

The main portion of the map covers the United States to just west of the Mississippi. The decorative elements for which the map is named include corner views of Baltimore, Boston, New York, and Philadelphia. Surrounding the map are portraits of the presidents up to Abraham Lincoln (who died in April 1865, presumably indicating that the map was published before April).

The map includes three insets: *The North Part of Maine*, *South Part of Florida*, and *The Western States and Territories*.

Editions

P-Maps page 892 lists an edition of 1839, presumed to be the first edition. And Rumsey (2128) notes that the map was published up to 1853. The present map extends the range of publication by more than a decade to 1865.

As the editions of the map progressed more portraits were added to the border and the insets were



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changed. In this late (last?) edition, the inset map is updated to the mid-1860s, with an over-under Arizona-New Mexico configuration, large Washington Territory (encompassing what would become Idaho), and a very large Dakota Territory.

Rarity

All editions are scarce, this being the first time we have offered any edition of the map. That being said, this 1865 edition is apparently completely unknown, not being found in sale records nor in OCLC.

Detailed Condition:

Original hand-color by county. Six sheets joined as one. Cleaned and varnish removed. Backing linen and selvaige renewed. Mounted on wooden dowels.