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Ribbon Map of the Father of Waters

Stock#: 88449
Map Maker: Colony & Fairchild
Date: 1866
Place: St. Louis
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 2.75 x 131 inches (measurement from David Rumsey)
Price: \$ 9,500.00



Description:

Steamboat Fare Vary From Two to Four Cents Per Mile -- Stateroom and Meals Included

Remarkable 11 foot "Ribbon Map" of the Mississippi River, printed in St. Louis by August Gast, Moeller & Company of Chicago.

As noted by Jim Akerman, the Curator of Maps at Chicago's Newberry Library, the *Ribbon Map of the Father of Waters* belongs to a class of map with a deep history: the "itinerary" or "strip" map. Unlike network maps, which are designed to show all journeying possibilities—think of a road atlas, or a big fold-out trail guide—strip maps "are organized around a specific route of travel."

The map covers the journey upriver, following the entire 2,600-mile course of the Mississippi River from the Mississippi Delta to the source of the River in Lake Itaska, Minnesota. Many of the details shown along the way include plantations, towns, forts, landings and mileage indication the farther one travels from the Delta. Well preserved in its beautiful original oak case.

Designed for travelers on the Mississippi River. Names towns and some land owners: Jefferson Davis' plantation is marked just below Mile 460.

Rarity

The map is scarce. This is the first example we have ever offered for sale.

Detailed Condition:

Hand-colored lithographed strip map on five joined sheets, backed with linen and rolling into its original



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oak cylinder spool case. 3x2 inches case size.