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[Shows First Mormon Settlement In Texas] A New Map of the United States Upon Which Are Delineated Its Vast Works of Internal communication, Routes Across The Continent &c. Showing Also Canada and the Island of Cuba . . . 1853

Stock#: 90542
Map Maker: Williams

Date: 1853
Place: Philadelphia
Color: Outline Color
Condition: Fair
Size: 29.5 x 25 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Classic mid-19th Century traveller's pocket map of the United States, published in Philadelphia.

Includes a massive Minnesota Territory and unusual North-West Territory and Indian Territory.

In Texas, several colonies are located, including an area entitled "German Settlements" and an area west of Austin City labeled "Zodiac" (Mormon Settlement)", the first attempt by the Church of Latter Day Saints to establish a settlement in Texas.

The large inset of the American West includes large territorial configurations for Oregon, Utah and New Mexico.

Zodiac, Texas

Zodiac is a short-lived Mormon or Latter Day Saint settlement established in 1847, 4 miles southeast of Fredericksburg, Texas on the Pedernales River. This was the first attempt to establish a Latter Day Saint colony, and was led by Lyman Wight, an apostle and prominent leader of the LDS church during its time in Wisconsin. Wight obtained John O. Meusebach's permission to settle near Fredericksburg, where the settlers built the first gristmill and sawmill in Gillespie County and supplied neighboring German colonists with seeds, flour, and lumber. By 1850, the population of Zodiac was 161. The initial location



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failed after flooding destroyed the mills in 1853, forcing the settlers to relocate to Mormon Mill, in Burnet County.

Detailed Condition:

Pocket map, with significant losses along folds, which have been stabilized and backed. Original red leather covers.