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## Geographically Correct Map of Texas & Indian Territory Showing Lines of the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fé Ry. And Connections. [cover title:] Tell The Truth | A Brief and Truthful Description of the Great P.C.C. Country The Best Portion of Texas Its Rich Soil, Varied Products, Healthful Climate and Cheap Lands

**Stock#:** 90862  
**Map Maker:** Matthews-Northrup & Co.  
**Date:** 1880 circa  
**Place:** Buffalo, New York  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** Good  
**Size:** 23.25 x 33.5 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

***"It is south of the blizzard-swept, treeless regions of the Pan Handle, and north of the mosquito region of the coast."***

Very rare late-19th-century promotional map of Texas and Indian Territory, aimed at enticing settlers into the "P.C.C. Country" area of west Texas, including Green, Coke, Irion, Schleicher, Menard, Concho, McCulloch Runnels, Coleman, and Brown Counties.

The map illustrates the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Railway as the means for reaching this region via



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Galveston in the south or Kansas in the north.

An inset shows the "Western Part of Texas", with a rail line to El Paso.

The "P.C.C." acronym is relatively elusive, but an explanation is provided on the back of the map:

*There are many other things for which P.C.C. might stand, but the truth is this country took its name from the Pecan, Colorado and Concho Rivers, three streams that surpass any others in the State for quantity and purity of water and broad and fertile valleys.*

The verso text references 1879 (e.g., "In 1879 the assessed value of property..."), indicating that the map was published shortly after that date. In any event, the style of the map leads us to conclude that the map was probably not published after 1890.

The back of the map features a plethora of land agent advertisements.

#### **Rarity**

We note two examples listed in OCLC, however, both of these are dated "[1980?]" raising the possibility that they are reproductions.

The late 1870s and early 1880s were a boom time for this kind of Texas promotional. However, the individual titles tend to be very scarce today.

#### **Detailed Condition:**

Folding map printed on both sides. Spots of toning at fold intersections. Some relatively small areas of loss, particularly at edges. Small vermin damage holes, namely in the lower-left quadrant.