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### Ornamental Map of the United States & Mexico . . . 1847

**Stock#:** 92458  
**Map Maker:** Phelps  
**Date:** 1847  
**Place:** New York  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 21 x 28 inches  
**Price:** \$ 1,800.00



#### Description:

##### *The Great Oregon Railroad and Missouri Territory*

A decorative map of the United States, published during the Mexican-American War designed to stir patriotic sentiments and celebrate the newly conquered territory.

The map is the unusual depiction of Missouri Territory, less than 2 years before the creation of Minnesota Territory on March 3, 1849 and shortly before the first appearance of Nebraska Territory on the 1848 edition of this map.

The map also includes a large Oregon Territory, which is sparse in details, but includes the "Great Oregon Rail Road," which runs from Chicago to Oregon City.



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The map also pre-dates the appearance of Utah Territory and New Mexico Territory, such that only Upper California is shown, pre-dating the official annexation of Upper California the following year by the US Government.

The map is ornamented with many interesting drawings and portraits, as advertised in the title. Portraits of George Washington, Cortez and Montezuma the top. Below are the seals of Mexico and the United States, portraits of Zachary Taylor and Santa Anna, and a view of the Great Temple of the Sun, destroyed by Cortez in 1521, along with text regarding the United States, Oregon Territory, New Mexico and the Californias, and Mexico.

This is the earliest state of the map we have offered. Beginning in 1848, the top and bottom images and text would be completely changed, other than the Washington portrait.

**Detailed Condition:**

Some soiling and chipping and cracking along the top and bottom. Section of the title in the word "ornamental" restored.