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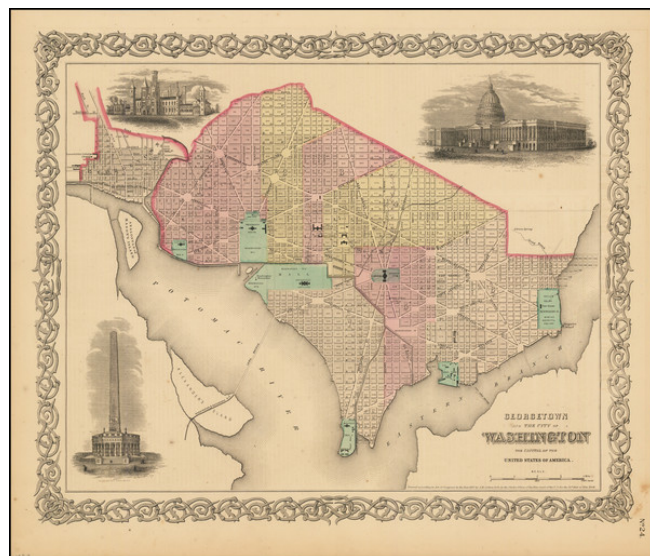
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Georgetown And The City Of Washington The Capitol of the United States of America

Stock#: 94328
Map Maker: Colton
Date: 1859
Place: New York
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 16 x 13 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

An enlightening depiction of Washington DC and Georgetown, this hand-colored map by J.H. Colton, published in 1859, captures the urban layout and distinct wards of the United States' capital city. It presents an early visual record of these urban landscapes, offering richly detailed vignettes of significant landmarks that would come to shape the identity of the nation.

During the mid-19th century, American cities were undergoing rapid transformation, and Washington DC was no exception. The city was evolving from a largely undeveloped capital into a bustling urban center, driven by political, economic, and cultural change. The mapping of Washington DC and Georgetown by publishers like J.H. Colton was reflective of this evolving urbanity, providing a snapshot of the city's morphology and emerging neighborhoods.

The map is segmented into distinctive wards, each represented by a unique color. This attention to detail not only aids in understanding the civic divisions but also offers an insight into the spatial organization and demographic clusters of the time. The inclusion of Georgetown, one of the earliest settlements in the area, offers a glimpse into the historical continuities in the development of the region.

Adding to the cartographic richness, the map is adorned with detailed vignettes of three iconic landmarks: the Capitol, the Washington Monument, and the Smithsonian. Each stands as a testament to American architectural prowess and national pride. Colton's map, therefore, stands as more than a geographical representation; it is a visual narrative that encapsulates the spirit and evolution of the United States' capital in the mid-19th century.



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Detailed Condition:

Original hand-color. Minor spotting in the margins.