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A New Map of Indiana with its Roads & Distances. . . . 1847

Stock#: 92934 Map Maker: Mitchell

Date: 1847

Place: Philadelphia Colored Hand Colored

Condition: VG+

Size: 11.5 x 14 inches

Price: \$ 195.00



Description:

Detailed and interesting antique map of Indiana, published by Samuel Augustus Mitchell in 1847.

The map is hand colored by counties and shows towns, rivers, lakes, railroads, roads, distances, forts, etc. Includes table of steamship routes, distances, etc.

Indiana is shown 31 years after Statehood at a time when it had already an important agricultural and industrial state, with a thriving economy and a rapidly growing population.

One of the most notable features of a map are the many new counties that had been created in the state over the previous decade. Between 1840 and 1847, a total of 16 new counties were created in Indiana. These new counties included Blackford, Brown, Cass, Fulton, Grant, Hamilton, Jasper, Jay, Kosciusko, Miami, Morgan, Newton, Porter, Pulaski, Steuben, and White.

By the 1840s, Indiana was well connected to the rest of the country through a series of railroads, canals,



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waterways and transportation routes. The state's many rivers, including the Ohio, Wabash, and White rivers, made it possible for goods and people to move easily throughout the state and beyond. In addition, the construction of the Wabash and Erie Canal in the 1830s had opened up new trade routes and economic opportunities for Indiana, while the state's growing network of railroads helped to connect its major cities and towns.

The map was published one year after Indiana passed a new state constitution that established a system of free public schools throughout the state in 1846.

Detailed Condition: