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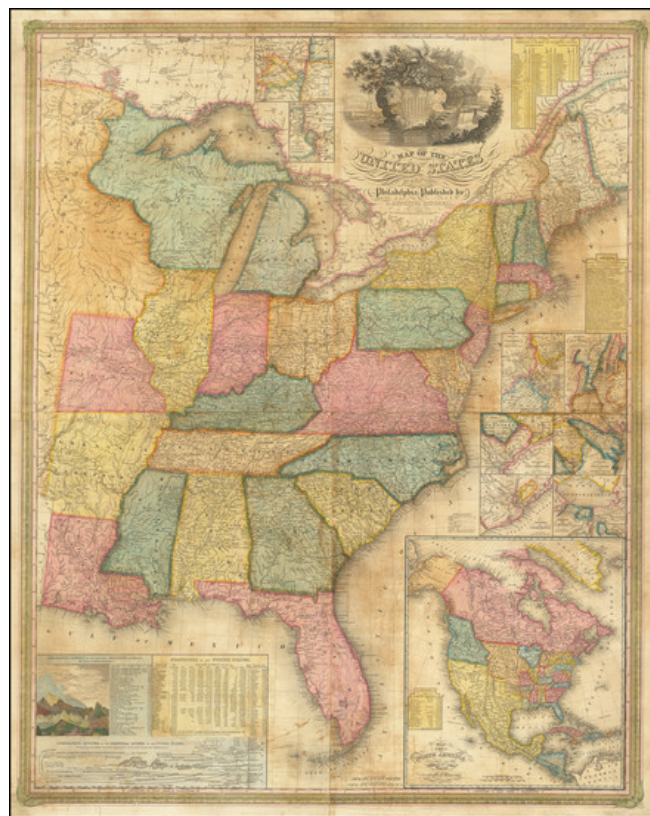
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Map of the United States By J.H. Young . . . 1833

Stock#: 78985
Map Maker: Mitchell

Date: 1833
Place: Philadelphia
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 44 x 34.5 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

The Map That Launched The Mitchell Map Publishing Dynasty

Rare 1833 state of Samuel Augustus Mitchell's first separately published map, one of the great wall maps of the United States from this pivotal period.

Mitchell's wall map of the United States was the first cartographic production of the Mitchell family, which continued issuing maps and atlases under the name of the firm's patriarch, and his son Samuel Augustus Mitchell Jr., until the last decade of the 19th Century, a run of some 60 years.

Mitchell's map of the United States represented a firm leap forward in the modernity of American wall maps. Engraved with precision in Philadelphia and reflecting a technical expertise not present in earlier decades of American map engravers, the details of the map is compelling. Mitchell also adds, for the first time on American wall maps, a series of inset maps of the major transportation hubs and metropolitan regions of the United States, including"



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- Vicinity of Albany
- Vicinity of the Falls of Niagara
- Vicinity of Boston
- Vicinity of New York
- Vicinity of Philadelphia
- Vicinity of Baltimore and Washington
- Vicinity of Charleston
- Vicinity of N. Orleans

At the bottom right, a large inset map of North America shows Oregon Territory and Missouri Territory, the western region which were just then entering the consciousness of American westward expansion. Texas is named in the inset map five years before its Independence, with the towns of Galveston and S. Felipe de Austin reflecting the opening salvo of immigration from the US.

On the primary map Michigan Territory extends into what is today Wisconsin and Minnesota, which are labeled as "attached to Michigan." In the lower-left corner, there are comparative charts of mountains and rivers, as well as a statistical table for the states and territories of the United States.

Context: Mitchell's Career

Mitchell's first cartographic production was a re-issue of Finley's American Atlas in 1831, along with pocket maps from the Atlas. This first original map, engraved by J.H. Young, appeared in both case map and wall map format.

The first edition of this map was also published in 1831 and was updated.

State

To our knowledge, comprehensive cataloging of the states of this map has not yet been accomplished. There is significant attention to the 1831 first edition (see our examples or Rumsey 2723), oftentimes with the commentary noting the lack of delineated counties as the differentiating factor between the first state and those that follow. This is probably because Ristow (page 309), notes the 1834 state in which that information has been added.

This 1833 issue makes it clear that counties were not shown until 1834.

OCLC records examples of the 1833 at the University of Chicago, Library of Congress, Florida States, and the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library. The British Library has an 1839 issue.



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Detailed Condition:

Professionally cleaned and restored wall map in four sheets joined as one. Original hand-color, retouched. Backed on linen. Some areas of flattened creasing and variable toning within the map image. Withal a good example of the wall map presentation of this title. Good to VG.