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### Battle of Five Forks, VA

**Stock#:** 96087  
**Map Maker:** Kurz & Allison  
  
**Date:** 1886  
**Place:** Chicago  
**Color:** Color  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 25 x 18 inches  
  
**Price:** \$ 750.00



#### Description:

The *Battle of Five Forks, VA* is a captivating chromolithograph, issued by Kurz & Allison Art Publishers in 1886, capturing the visceral intensity of General Sheridan's charge on April 1, 1865. Its vibrant coloration and depiction of violent action imbue the artwork with a sense of realism, effectively capturing the dramatic, tumultuous spirit of the Civil War.

Taking place in the final days of the American Civil War, the Battle of Five Forks was a pivotal encounter that signaled the impending downfall of the Confederacy. In the depicted scene, General Philip Sheridan, a Union leader noted for his aggressive approach, leads a charge that would result in a decisive victory for the Union, eventually contributing to the siege of Petersburg and the surrender of Confederate forces at Appomattox.

In addition to its historical significance, the chromolithograph stands as an artistic achievement in its own right. As an example of chromolithography, a process that allows for the creation of rich, vibrant images through the use of multiple lithographic stones, this print serves as a testament to the advancements in printing technology made in the 19th century. The choice of color and detailed rendering of the scene bring a visceral quality to the depiction of the battlefield, underscoring the brutality of war and the valor of those who participated.

Kurz & Allison, a prominent Chicago-based publishing house known for their color prints of historical events, copyrighted this piece in 1886. Their reputation for producing engaging and evocative depictions of significant moments in American history is well-demonstrated in this rendering of the Battle of Five Forks. The combination of historical significance, artistic execution, and technological accomplishment



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embodied in this chromolithograph provide a compelling representation of a turning point in American history.

**Detailed Condition:**