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Vereinigte Staaten von Nord-America und Mexico. 1850 (Shows the Mormon Territory of Deseret)

Stock#: 0106dd
Map Maker: Meyer / Radefeld
Date: 1850
Place: Hildburghausen
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG
Size: 10 x 7 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Detailed map of North America, showing the US-Mexico Boundaries shortly after the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo and before the Gadsen Purchase, and featuring a massive and remarkably accurate rendition of the State of Deseret, which is clearly labeled as a separate Territory, in the same style and lettering as Oregon Territory, Missouri Territory and Indian Territory.

Strange erratic configuration of California along the Sierra Nevada Mountains, putting most of Southern California. The various Colonies in Germany (French, German and Mainzer) are located.

While note named as a separate state in the key at the left of the map, there is a very important designation of Deseret in what would become Utah Territory in September 1850. The name Deseret is added and an area of the map is outlined Yellow, showing a recognition by the publisher of the proposal sent by Brigham Young to Washington to create the State of Deseret (1849) and the formal organization of a shadow government for the future state of Deseret in 1850. A number of other place names are included in the Salt Lake area.

The provisional State of Deseret was founded in 1849 by Latter-Day Saint settlers in the Salt Lake city area. Brigham Young sent John Milton Bernhisel to Washington DC, to petition for territorial status, but later, in March 1849, elected to change the petition to a request for Statehood. The proposed state covered most of the lands from the Rocky Mountains and Oregon Territory to Mexico, extending west to the Sierra Nevadas and south to the Santa Monica Mountains, including Los Angeles and San Diego. While the provisional government met for several years, Utah Territory was formally created in 1851.



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The present map is perhaps the closest map we have ever seen to correctly designate Deseret. The map treats the border between California and Deseret as running from the southern foot of the Sierras to just south of San Diego, leaving all of San Bernardino County and much of the modern counties of Riverside and Imperial in Deseret, as well as all of the modern Inyo County.

A fascinating example of how the German map publishers were quick to embrace the changing landscape of the American West.

Detailed Condition: