



Barry Lawrence Ruderman Antique Maps Inc.

7407 La Jolla Boulevard
La Jolla, CA 92037

www.raremaps.com

(858) 551-8500
blr@raremaps.com

Map of the State of Virginia Containing The Counties, Principal Towns, Railroads, Rivers, Canals & All Other Internal Improvements. Published by West & Johnston. Richmond Va. 1862 . . .

Stock#: 18864
Map Maker: West & Johnston
Date: 1862
Place: Richmond, VA
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 37 x 26 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare confederate map of Virginia, which derives directly from Ludwig von Bucholtz seminal map of Virginia, published in 1858.

Von Bucholtz was commissioned to prepare the revisions to the 1826 Hermann Boye 9 sheet map and 4 sheet maps of Virginia, which was at the time the most detailed and important map of Virginia. While Von Bucholtz work was exhaustive, the requirement that he essentially revise the existing copperplates resulted in a less than accurate product. With the information he obtained in revising the Boye map, Bucholtz prepared several much more accurate maps of Virginia in the late 1850s, including the present map, which was issued by Ritchie & Dunnivant in 1858.

The lithographic plate engraved by Charles Ludwig for the Ritchie & Dunnivant map was utilized again by West & Johnston in 1862 for the present map. A new decorative border was added for the present map, along with an updated table of railroads and some minor geographical changes, which are outlined by William Wooldridge in his comprehensive study of the Bucholtz map and its 3 derivatives, published in the Spring 2007 edition of the *The Portolan*. As noted by Wooldridge, the map was also used by Matthew Fontaine Maury, with additions, in connection with his work on the state of Virginia published in 1868 and also by a map commonly referred to as the Virginia Military Institute (VMI) map.

Detailed Condition:

Backed with linen. Minor soiling along folds and some minor foxing. Fold breaks reinforced.