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## A New Map of Texas, Oregon and California with the Regions adjoining Compiled from the most recent authorities . . . 1847 [Rare Variant edition]

**Stock#:** 26639  
**Map Maker:** Mitchell  
**Date:** 1847  
**Place:** Philadelphia  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 20 x 20 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

Rare 1847 version of Mitchell's seminal map of Texas, Oregon Territory, California and the Transmississippi West.

Mitchell's map of the West was one of the first large format commercially published maps to show the Transmississippi West, after the annexation of Texas in 1845 and was perhaps the single most popular map of the period, used by emigrants, gold seekers and others whose lives, fortunes or attentions were focused Westerward at the outset of the Mexican American War. Unlike the 1846 edition, the 1847 edition is very rarely seen on the market. The present example was likely an inset to Mitchell's 1847 4-sheet wall map of the United States, which was cut down and mounted on linen in the 20th Century, because of the importance of the inset map.

Beginning in 1846, the Transmississippi West was of particular interest because of two recent and related events. In 1845, Texas had been admitted to the Union, which prompted Mexico, in 1846, to invade Texas, thus precipitating the U.S.-Mexican war. General curiosity about the new state and interest in the war led to Mitchell's timely map becoming quite popular. As stated in the "*Accompaniment to Mitchell's new map of Texas, Oregon and California...*," in which the map was issued, Mitchell used the latest and best sources



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for the map, including Arrowsmith's 1841 map of Texas, Fremont's and Emory's maps of their explorations in the region, data from the Lewis & Clark expedition, Nicollet's map of the region between the Mississippi and the Missouri, Wilkes map of Oregon.

The map shows Texas claims to the Upper Rio Grande in present day New Mexico. These claims were eventually given up as part of the Great Compromise of 1850, in exchange for in return for federal assumption of Texas' public debt. Besides its cartographic interest, the accompanying booklet contains a comprehensive description of the territories in the west. This is a striking map of seminal significance to the history of the United States and its mapping.

The 1846 edition can be viewed here: {{ inventory\_detail\_link('20268') }}.

In the early 1990s, we encountered an example an 1846 "inset" edition of the map offered by Andre Dumont (Catalogue #23, 1994, Item 29), offered for \$3,750. We also recall seeing Richard Fitch offer the map in this format in a catalogue in the 1980s, but were not able to locate the catalog reference.

**Detailed Condition:**

Varnished. Trimmed to neat lines and laid on larger sheet of linen, with added paper margins for framing. Minor cracking and normal wall map type defects, but generally in very good condition.