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Texas, By David Burr . . . 1833 (Unrecorded Proof State).

Stock#: 40823
Map Maker: Burr
Date: 1833
Place: New York
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 21 x 17.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Unrecorded proof state of Burr's map of Texas, one of the two most important maps of Texas on the eve of its independence.

The map is of the utmost importance in the history of Texas, both as an early milestone in its development and as one of the earliest useful guide maps to the region. Of the 5 recorded states of the map (1833, 1834, 1835, 1845 and 1846), the 1833 is the rarest, with only a handful of copies known in American institutional collections. For example, the Library of Congress and most major Texas collections do not include this first state.

The present state is apparently a proof state of the 1833, lacking the inclusion of the names Nacogdoches and Bolivar, but with the name Nacogdoches added in an early hand. The only other example of the map pre-dating the inclusion of these two place names appeared at auction in 2001, and included the two names (Nacogdoches and Bolivar) added in the same early hand.

This example of the map is signed twice on the verso by Bernhard Scherrer and Mr. Albert Knolle, College Station. Bernhard Scherrer was among the earliest settlers in Texas. Scherrer came to the United States in 1829, from St. Gallen, Switzerland, and settled at Biegel, Fayette County, in 1833, spending the remaining years of his life there as a successful planter. Scherrer's daughter Caroline Scherrer married Ernst Hermann Knolle. Albert was apparently their son, as at least 2 genealogical sites reference an Albert Knolle, born to Herman Knolle and wife Caroline in 1870 in Fayette, Texas.



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Detailed Condition:

Minor restorations along several folds. Names of two prior owners on verso, Bernhard Scherrer and Albert Knolle.