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[Early Appearance of Dallas!] . Map of Mexico, Including Yucatan & Upper California, exhibiting The Chief Cities And Towns, The Principal Travelling Routes &c . . . 1847

Stock#: 50342
Map Maker: Mitchell
Date: 1847
Place: Philadelphia
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 23 x 32 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Maximum Texas--Mitchell's Map of Texas, Mexico and the Southwestern United States

Nice example of S.A. Mitchell's map of Upper California, Texas, Mexico and the Southwest, which includes the Spanish Trail, Trader's Route to Independence and several other important western routes.

The present example locates the city of Dallas, which does not appear on the 1846 edition of the map. This would be the second earliest map to name Dallas, based upon our research (the earliest being the Sherman & Smith *Traveler's Map* <https://www.raremaps.com/gallery/detail/51292>)

The map was originally prepared in 1846 to illustrate the progress of the Mexican American War and presents one of the most striking images of Texas, during the period between its joining the United States



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in 1845 and becoming a state in 1850.

The present edition is the rare larger version, with a *Map of the Principal Roads from Vera Cruz to Alvarado and in the City of Mexico* . . . below the primary map, with the addition of the Battlefield of Monterey at the top right corner.

Six battle fields are illustrated by flags including Alamo, San Jacinto, Palo Alto, Resaca de la Palma, Buena Vista, and Monterey. The legend of the inset map illustrates gun batteries and forts. Below the inset a legend explains the dates of various battles and distances by road to Mexican cities.

Mitchell's map was perhaps the most popular of the Mexican-American War maps, covering Mexico including California and Baja. Texas had just attained its statehood in 1846 and is prominently outlined in red in its "Stovepipe" configuration.

In California, The Great Spanish Trail to Santa Fe is prominently shown, as is Sutter's New Helvetia, which would be the site of the discovery of gold the following year in 1848.

A nice example of the best edition of this map.

Detailed Condition:

Minor soiling and foxing.