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Mitchell's New National Map, Exhibiting The United States with the North American British Provinces, Sandwich Islands, Mexico and Central America, Together with Cuba and the other West India Islands . . . 1859 (Shows The Territory of Colona and Shoshone!)

Stock#: 53118
Map Maker: Mitchell

Date: 1859
Place: Philadelphia
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 63.5 x 60 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Fine wall map of the United States, illustrating the transitional western territorial and state borders, including the proposed Territory of Colona, published by S A Mitchell in 1859.

First published in 1856, Mitchell's remarkable wall map is perhaps the single most recognizable wall map of the United States of the period.

Embellished with inset maps of the Sandwich Islands (Hawaii) and 2 maps of the World, and including decorative vignettes and extensive tables, the map was one of the most commercially successful maps of its time, regularly amended to update the changing territorial and state borders of the West.

The present map is noteworthy for the inclusion of several remarkable place names, including Colona (the briefly proposed name for Colorado Territory) and Shoshone (the proposed name for Idaho). The map also includes Arizona below New Mexico Territory (the so-called Baylor Line), massive Washington Territory and Nebraska Territory, and a long thin Kansas Territory, which would be changed to form Colorado the following year. A large Utah Territory is also shown, encompassing the newly proposed Nevada Territory



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(not technically created until March 2, 1861). A number of counties traverse across the entire region.

Mitchell was apparently keenly aware of the proposed territorial additions and names, as many of the names above were either not yet adopted or never adopted.

The Overland Mail Route is shown running through Texas, Arizona, and California. Several proposed transcontinental railroad routes are shown.

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While Mitchell's map is not rare, the 1859 edition seldom appears on the market and rarely in such good condition.

Detailed Condition:

Minor soiling, but generally an exceptional example.