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## Oregon Territory

**Stock#:** 54838  
**Map Maker:** Burr  
**Date:** 1833  
**Place:** New York  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 13 x 11 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

#### *The First Map of Oregon Territory to Appear in a Commercial Atlas*

Striking example of the first edition of David Burr's map of Oregon Territory, which appeared in Burr's *New Universal Atlas*, first published in 1835.

As is typical of Burr's style, the map is crisply drawn and engraved. Rich with indigenous information and details of the earliest settlements in Oregon Territory, this fascinating map was the only commercial atlas map to depict Oregon Territory on a separate sheet.

The Oregon Territory shown here is immense, including what today is Washington, Idaho, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, the Dakotas, and part of British Columbia. Extending to 54 degrees 40 minutes northern latitude, it reflects the then-active dispute between the US and British interests over the region which would become the southern part of British Columbia. This dispute would not be resolved until a decade later.

The Rocky Mountains, here the Stony Mountains, cut a distinctive line down the eastern part of the map. The "Columbia or Oregon" River winds its way prominently inland from the Pacific Ocean, with many other rivers branching off of it. The names of local tribes are inscribed across the land.

The toponyms come largely from Lewis and Clark's expedition and interaction with indigenous peoples, as well as the reports from the Hudson's Bay Company and John Jacob Astor's Pacific Fur Company. For



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example, "Fort Clatsop or F. George" at the mouth of the Columbia is a combination of Lewis and Clark (Clatsop) and the Companies (George) who visited and settled in the area.

There is a massive lake that straddles the boundary line with Spanish California to the south. This is the Great Salt Lake, but it is labeled as L. Timpanogos. The toponym is a reference to the local Timpanogots Ute tribe who lived in the area from 1400 CE.

**Detailed Condition:**