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Map of the State of Texas

Stock#: 67914
Map Maker: Mitchell
Date: 1846
Place: Philadelphia
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 10.5 x 8 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

An interesting map of Texas published the year after the state's admission to the Union. In the North, several Indian Districts are shown, including the Comanches, Kiowas and Pawnee-Picts. A region named Wild Horses is shown, this nomenclature derives from the Austin map of 1830. Many roads in the southeastern portion can be seen and some early counties are shown. The region north of Texas is Indian Territory, in its very early hatchet shaped formation.

The map was published two years prior to the start of the Mexican-American War, which was fuelled by American patriotic fervor. The depictions of a vastly oversized Texas, in line with the doctrine of Manifest Destiny, even though the extent of the state was poorly defined, would contribute to war.

While the extent of Texas was a patriotic issue prior to the Mexican-American War, after the war's conclusion it immediately became a question about the expansion of slavery. The state's borders would be heavily debated until the issue was resolved in the Compromise of 1850.



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This map was issued in Mitchell's *School and Family Geography*, one of Mitchell's most enduring works.

Detailed Condition: