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Map of Illinois... 1852

Stock#: Map Maker:	77040 Thayer & Co.
Date: Place: Color: Condition: Size:	1852 New York Hand Colored VG
Price:	SOLD



Description:

Rare First Edition.

Early lithographed map of Illinois by Horace Thayer, published in New York City in 1852.

In the upper-left corner is a population table for Illinois which shows the changes in county population from 1840 to 1850. During that decade, the population of Cook County grew from 10,201 to 43,385. In 1850, every single county in Illinois (save for two) had a larger population than Los Angeles County in the newly created state of California.

In the lower-left corner is a detailed street plan of Chicago showing railroads and the boundaries of the wards.

This is likely the first edition of Thayer's map as the title date (1852) matches the imprint date. Rumsey (3190) has the 1853, which seems to be a bit more common, also with a catalog on the front pastedown.



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Rarity

We find no examples of the 1852 edition of the map (nor anything earlier) in OCLC.

Detailed Condition:

Orignal hand-coloring. Folding into original dark maroon leather case, titled in gilt, and with an overall embossed pattern. 1852 "Maps. Horace Thayer & Co. 50 Ann St. New York" catalog mounted on the front pastedown. Some toning at original folds, along with minor wear at fold intersections.