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Johnson's California, Territories of New Mexico and Utah

Stock#: 80652

Map Maker: Johnson & Browning

Date: 1861
Place: New York
Color: Hand Colored

Condition: VG

Size: 24 x 17 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Early edition of Johnson's map of the Southwest. First Appearance of a Defined Colorado in the Series.

Johnson and Browning's important map of California, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, and New Mexico.

Despite the title, Arizona appears below New Mexico (Baylor Line), a nascent Nevada appears, taking a large chunk out of California and with a truncated bottom, Utah is far wider than its final boundary, and Colorado appears for the first time.

Many counties run from California to the Western Boundary of Texas, across all of New Mexico. Colorado has no counties yet, only those extending across the border from Utah. The map includes explorers' routes, the major routes of commerce, towns, forts, Indian tribes, mountains, rivers, roads, mining districts, proposed railroad routes, important dates in the evolution of the US-Mexico Boundary, and other features.

Johnson's map of the West is one of the most interesting and collectible maps of the period. The maps were updated at least annually, showing profound territorial boundary changes and county formations from year to year and even within a single year. A comprehensive collection of maps of the American West is incomplete without a good run of these maps.

States

The present map is Ira Lourie's State 3.0 (first plate, first state), which he dates to 1861-62, with the



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following note from Ira Lourie's Johnson Mapping Project:

The names "UTAH" and "NEVADA" no longer overlap; NV boundary now extends in the northwest from longitude 116 past 120 to the eastern edge of Goose Lake then due S to Beckwith Pass then south along the Sierra Nevada Mtns to southern border which is the same as UT's; also CO defined out of UT, KS, NE.

Detailed Condition:

Original hand-color by county. Minor scattered soiling and faint centerfold toning.

Drawer Ref: Johnson (Misc. 4)