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## [ Railroad Atlas ] Watson's New Commercial County and Railroad Atlas of the United States and Dominion of Canada. Compiled from the Latest Official Sources. [Cover title:] Perry & Spauldings New Commercial County & Railroad Atlas...

**Stock#:** 90103  
**Map Maker:** Watson  
**Date:** 1875  
**Place:** Boston  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 15 x 22.5 inches  
**Price:** \$ 6,400.00



### Description:

Extremely rare and unusual late-19th-century atlas of large-scale Gaylord Watson maps of the regions of the United States, published by Perry & Spaulding in Boston in 1875.

Watson's book is unusual as far as 19th-century American atlases go; it essentially consists of a large map of New England in two sheets, a map of the eastern United States in four sheets (seemingly adapted from his 1874 *Watson's New Business Man's County & Rail Road Map of the United States and Dominion of Canada*), and a large folding map of what we would today call the Transmississippi West.

The atlas is very consistent with Watson's output of large, vibrantly-colored, and scarce maps of American subjects.

### Rarity

OCLC locates copies of related (though, based on collations, apparently not identical) atlases at Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Northwestern, and the Osher Map Library. There is a digitized example in the Rumsey Collection [2841](#).

Note, this atlas is not to be confused with Watson's 1875 *New Commercial County and Railroad Atlas of the United States and Territories, and British Provinces*. That atlas has a more standard configuration with double-page maps of individual states and territories.

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1. Watson's New Township and Rail Road Map of New England. 1875.
2. Lower Portion of New England
3. Watson's New Commercial, County and Rail Road Map of South-Eastern States & New England. [with inset:] New England. Large Scale.
4. Watson's New Commercial, County and Rail Road Map of the North-Eastern States and Dominion of Canada. 1875.
5. Watson's New Commercial, County and Rail Road Map of the North-Western States. 1875.
6. Watson's New Commercial, County and Rail Road Map of the South-Western States. 1875.
7. Watson's County and Railroad Map of the Pacific States and Territories... 1875.

**Detailed Condition:**

Tall, thin folio. Publisher's gilt-lettered cloth covers reading "PERRY & PAUDLINGS NEW COMMERCIAL COUNTY & RAILROAD ATLAS OF THE UNITED STATES ADN DOMINION OF CANADA", rebacked in modern black leatherette. 16 pages, 7 lithographed map sheets, some folding, all in vibrant original hand-color, [43]-56 pages. (A few leaves evidently misbound, but complete per the table of contents.)