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(First State!) Oregon and Upper California . . . 1846

Stock#: 93418
Map Maker: Mitchell

Date: 1846
Place: Philadelphia
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 12.5 x 15.5 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

First State of the First Great American Atlas Map of the West

Near fine example of the true first edition of the best atlas map of the West of the 1840s, reflecting the contemporary knowledge of the West.

The map shows the Spanish Trail, Lewis & Clark's Canoe Route, Oregon Trail, early roads, towns, Indian Tribes, mining claims, etc. This is the first map of the West to appear in an American Atlas. The first edition can be noted by the lack of a page number, having been inserted in the second issue of the 1846 Mitchell *Universal Atlas*.

The difference between this and later editions is very clear. The map includes the date 1846. The Great Basin information pre-dates Fremont. The route to San Diego from the Gila has not yet been included. The elevation of the pass in the Sierras is shown. The Owens Valley (River and Lake) is not yet present. Humboldt and Nicollet Lakes are not yet present. Fremont's route to Oregon is shown, but his route from



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Walker Lake to Salt Lake is not shown, nor is any of the regional cartography.

The region between Mud Lake and Salt Lake City are similarly uncharted by Fremont. The tributaries of the Upper Colorado River are substantially incomplete, lacking the White River, Red River etc. The Gila River is shown with its terminus in the Gulf of Mexico and with a radically incorrect course and apocryphal tributaries. There is an apocryphal Sevier River along Rio Colorado. The border with Mexico is also substantially south of its true course.

Rarity

The 1846 state of the map is scarce on the market.

Detailed Condition:

Original hand-color. Minor foxing and edge toning, per usual.