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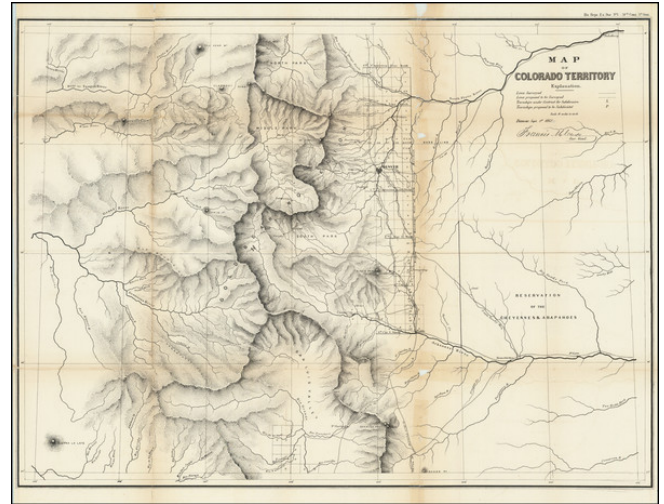
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Map of Colorado Territory . . . 1862

Stock#: 93783
Map Maker: General Land Office
Date: 1862
Place: Washington
Color: Uncolored
Condition: Good
Size: 22.5 x 16.5 inches
Price: \$ 1,400.00



Description:

The Second Official Map of Colorado Territory

Second official map of Colorado Territory, based upon state surveys conducted by the General Land Office, in Denver City, in September of 1862.

The Gold Bearing Region is prominently depicted, along with some early mining towns, including Centre City, Idaho, Empire, Breckinridge, Fairplay, Oro City, Tarryall, Hamilton and Lauret.

The map shows the early territorial surveys, an early regional depiction of the Rockies with early place names, the Cheyenne and Arapahoe Reservations, rivers, mountains, Bent's Fort, Colorado City, Denver, Henderson's Ranch, Ft. St. Vrain, Golden City, Central City, Bradford, Hamilton, Jefferson, Ft. Garland, Gagosha, and handful of other place names.

The 1862 map is the second appearance of the territory among the maps of the General Land Office. Colorado Territory was organized in the wake of the 1859 Colorado Gold Rush, which had brought the first large influx of white settlement into the region. Congress passed the organic act for the territory, in the spring of 1861, in the midst of the secessions by Southern states that precipitated the Civil War. The organization of Colorado Territory was promoted to solidify Union control over a mineral-rich area of the Rocky Mountains.

Wheat calls this map a "credible effort" and notes the following new information: "The Eagle Tail River has now become the Gunnison. . . . On the upper Colorado, called 'Grand River,' the former Bunkara Creek



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appears as Roaring Fork. White River in northwestern Colorado is represented much more correctly; and new peaks are shown, including Elk Head Mt., Clarmont, Rabbit Ears, Sopris Peak, and Dome Peak. A number of new mining camps and settlements are located, but none west of the Continental Divide." The map also shows townships under contract for subdivision south along the Denver corridor, townships proposed to be subdivided, and great topographical relief for the Front Range. The South Platte and Arkansas Rivers feature prominently.

One of the earliest obtainable maps of Colorado Territory and far superior to the 1861 edition of this map in terms of details.

Detailed Condition:

Flattened and backed, with some evidence of toning and minor loss at folds.