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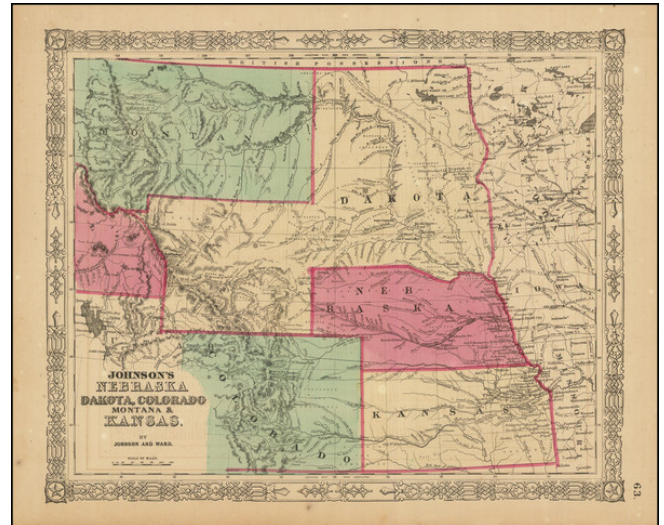
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### Johnson's Nebraska, Dakota, Montana and Kansas [Rare Pre-Wyoming Territory configuration]

**Stock#:** 94909  
**Map Maker:** Ward & Johnson  
**Date:** 1864  
**Place:** New York  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 15.5 x 12.5 inches  
**Price:** \$ 395.00



#### Description:

*Johnson's Nebraska, Dakota, Montana and Kansas*, published by Alvin Jewett Johnson & Benjamin P Ward in New York in 1864, captures a pivotal moment in the transformation of the American West. This scarce map, predating the formal delineation of Wyoming Territory, showcases Dakota Territory with its southern portions extended to embrace future Wyoming lands, emphasizing the nascent and ever-fluid nature of territorial definitions in the 19th century.

During the 1860s, the American West witnessed profound shifts in territorial demarcation, settlement patterns, and socio-economic developments. The advent of the Civil War and the promise of the Pacific Railroad brought attention to these territories as hubs of strategic importance and potential prosperity. Within this broader historical framework, the undivided expanse of Dakota Territory — with its inclusion of lands soon to become Wyoming — bespeaks the yet uncharted, undeveloped, and, to a great extent, undetermined nature of these regions.

One cannot overlook the timely depiction of Montana Territory, represented in the very year of its inception in 1864. The delineated territorial bounds, stretching to the Bitterroot Range of the Rocky Mountains in the west, not only highlight the cartographic preciseness of the time but also emphasize Montana's initial territorial conceptions before subsequent adjustments.

Johnson & Ward's creation stands as more than a simple geographical representation; it is a testament to the evolving nature of the American frontier. With its portrayal of transient boundaries and the incipient



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territories of the West, this map emerges as an indispensable artifact, documenting the intricate dance of geopolitics, exploration, and expansion that characterized the mid-19th century United States.

**Detailed Condition:**

Original hand-color. Faint toning.