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**Bancroft's Map of California and Nevada Published by H.H. Bancroft & Co. Booksellers
& Stationers... 1868**

Stock#: 98937
Map Maker: Bancroft & Company
Date: 1868
Place: San Francisco
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: Good
Size: 27 x 30 inches
Price: \$ 3,500.00



Description:

"Scarcest of the three spin off maps from the large Pacific States map." - David Rumsey (3120)

Attractive lithographed map of California and Nevada, prepared by H.H. Bancroft & Co. from their map of the Pacific States.

The Hubert Howes Bancroft firm began publishing maps of California, Nevada, and the greater Western United States and Territories in the early 1860s. As noted by Rumsey, the history of Bancroft's mapping of the west probably begins about 1863, with the production of Bancroft's *Map of the Pacific States*, a four-sheet production (62 x 48 inches). In describing his own 1867 edition of the map, Rumsey notes that the map of the Pacific States was:

... the "mother" map for Bancroft's several issues of the pocket map versions of the northern and southern halves of this map, as well as for many later issues of this map. It is wonderfully detailed, full of endless information on the western states, information that is found in few other maps of the same period. . . .



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Following production of the 1863 map of the Pacific States, Bancroft and Charles Knight issued the complete map, along with separate one- and two-sheet portions of the map under various titles for a number of years, although the predominant issuance dates for the four-sheet map and smaller segments seem to be 1864 to 1868 and again between 1873 and 1878.

Editions

Rumsey lists three editions of this map, the first in 1864, second in 1868, and final edition in 1871. As A.L. Bancroft & Co., the firm began producing an altogether new map under the title "Bancroft's New Map of California and Nevada..." We have previously had an 1882 edition of that map.

Detailed Condition:

Lithograph on thin 19th-century wove paper. Publisher's hand-color. Minor losses at the left of center mended with period paper. Good to VG.