To Meriwether Lewis:

"... The object of your mission is to explore the Missouri river, & such principal stream of it, as, by its course & communication with the waters of the Pacific Ocean, whether the Columbia, Oregon, Colorado or and other river may offer the most direct & practicable water communication across this continent, for the purposes of commerce..."  June 20, 1803

W. F. McLoughlin, 1932

The Oregon Trail: the Highway of the Pioneers.
Greetings!
For this our 50th catalog we wanted to do something special.
We wanted to thank our founder, Paul F. Mahoney, for his vision and hard work, and in our own way we wanted to imitate the catalogs he put out that were full of great and diverse material. Full of substance and historical weight, Paul’s catalogs always were educational, yet stretched everyone’s expectations with unique novelties and beautiful pictorial maps, long before most people gave such material a thought.

In this catalog we hope to continue the tradition, as you will find some deep substance, and key maps for American mapping as well as some 20th century pictorial beauties. Please take time to check out our website (www.oldmapgallery.com) as we are adding lots of new material, and have posted Catalog 50 as a category for more detail and additional images.

Also with the recent passing of my Father, Verne Bird, we wanted to thank our customers and friends for their condolences, and acknowledge my debt to my Father’s love of history, encouragement and loving support over the years. We will miss his wisdom. “Thanks Pops!”

As always, Enjoy, Alanna & Curtis Bird

THEMATIC MAPS

1. The Barritt-Serviss Star

   The Barritt-Serviss Star and Planet Finder Collaborated by Leon Barritt and Garrett P. Serviss., 1906, 15 inches square
   “Hold the Map Over Your Head - The Top North, And You Will See the Stars Just as They Appear In The Heavens”. That’s the instruction at the bottom of this rare star dial that allows you “the Heavens Without A Telescope”, simply align the dial to the date and time, and it will show you the constellations overhead. Leon Barritt was a publisher in NY who copyrighted this form of dial, and Garrett Serviss was a famous science and science fiction writer and lecturer. Condition is good with some miscellaneous foxing, soiling and wear. $300.00

2. Federal Water Shed

   Fortune, c1934, 11.25 x 19.5, full color
   Where is the “Reservoir of Revenue” replenished from? Issued just a few years after the crash of 29, this thematic map gives us a breakdown of where Federal Revenue comes from. While the center tributaries include various taxes (Income, Gift, Estate), beyond it lay the “Mountains of International Trade - Deforested”, and the “vast and distant thunderheads of Inflation”. Closer in is a dammed lake with yachts and the billions of tax exempts, but the “Mountains of International Trade - Deforested”, and the “vast and distant thunderheads Where is the “Reservoir of Revenue” replenished from? Issued just a few years after the crash of 29, this thematic map gives us a breakdown of where Federal Revenue comes from. While the center tributaries include various taxes (Income, Gift, Estate), beyond it lay the “Mountains of International Trade - Deforested”, and the “vast and distant thunderheads of Inflation”. Closer in is a dammed lake with yachts and the billions of tax exempts, but the “Mountains of International Trade - Deforested”, and the “vast and distant thunderheads

3. (Thematic) Johnson

   A Diagram Exhibiting the difference of time between the places shown and Washington, Johnson, 1869, 15 x 13.5, full hand color
   A map of time and how relative it was. If it is high noon in Washington, what time is it in Rome (5:58), Cleveland (11:41), or Ft. Wayne (11:22)? Well, before the railroads the direction of true north at the center of town, and when a standing stick at the bottom of the line cast a shadow directly on that line, you knew you could set the towns’ clocks to noon. But you could imagine the complications once trains started traveling in hours what once took days. It wasn’t until 1883 that this changed. This time map shows foreign and US cities, small and large and their relative time. Condition is very good. $45.00

4. World

   World, Hagstrom Company, NY, c.1950, 23.5 x 37.75, full printed color
   Our first encounter with this thematic Pirate map of the world, it shows the key areas they frequented, noting where pirates traded, buried treasure, or spent their Summers. Highly decorative and full of vignettes, it delves into Pirate history and is surrounded by the names of infamous heroes of the genre. Condition is very good with some scuffing and dents, issued on board. $100.00

5. World

   World, Osaka Mainichi Shinbum, c1915, 30 x 42.25, full printed color
   A stunning large Japanese published wall map that features Japan at the center in more ways than one. Surrounded by the flags of the nations, at the top and center are the Japanese National Flag and the Rising Sun Flag used by the Japanese Army & Navy during WWII. Shipping and some flight routes are noted. An inset shows the world in hemispheres. Another shows Europe, including its national boundaries at the time. Condition is very good, with original dowel rods at top and bottom, and some minor loss of the decorative paper between the top dowel and the map. $200.00

6. World

   The Map of Famous Pirates Buccaneers & Freebooters., Hagstrom Company, NY, 1952, 20 x 28, printed color
   Our first encounter with this thematic Pirate map of the world, it shows the key areas they frequented, noting where pirates traded, buried treasure, or spent their Summers. Highly decorative and full of vignettes, it delves into Pirate history and is surrounded by the names of infamous heroes of the genre. Condition is very good with some scuffing and dents, issued on board. $100.00

7. World

   World, Lucien Boucher - Air France, Paris, c. 1950, 23.5 x 37.75, full printed color
   Lucien Boucher (1889-1971) was a French poster artist active in the 1950’s who in cartographic circles is known for the work he did for Air France in which he produced a few world maps and zodiac constellation maps. His work is bold, colorful, stunning and sought after. This is one of his bright double hemispheric maps of the world with an inset just below it showing air routes from Europe to Africa. An amazing decorative gem with colorful vignettes in each corner showing explorers in different parts of the world. Accentuated with metal gold print. Condition is very good with some very marginal damp-staining, would frame up wonderfully. $600.00

WESTERN HEMISPHERE - UNITED STATES

8. (Americas) Descripcion De Las Yndias Del Norte 2. De Herrera, 1601, 8.25 x 11.75, uncolored as issued
   This is the first edition of De Herrera’s map for the Americas, and follows Spanish policy of keeping information on the new world in tight control. The coastal contours from northern South America, Central America, and North America are generally reliable, but little to nothing is named in the interior, save for “La Floride”. Condition is very good, with wide clean margins. “One of the very few Spanish printed maps of America.” Burden 141. $1600.00
9. (Americas) "A New Map of America from the latest Observations," Senex, London, c1719, 19.5 x 22.25, some hand color. A strong engraving for the western hemisphere with California shown as an island. Shows the situation of the English colonies on the east coast of North America, and grows more crude and speculative as it reaches west. Shows a massive lake in western Canada ("The Great Lake of Thong or Thoya") with connecting rivers that run to the Pacific. A large eye catching cartouche includes many natives with scenes of Indian battles in the background as well as a scene of natives cooking up human body parts over a fire. Condition is good with a close top margin. Professionally restored and lined with a tissue backing. $2,100.00

10. (United States) United States of America, H.S. Tanner, 1832, Third Edition. 45.75 x 60.25, outline hand color. An amazing feet of work from the Golden Age of American cartography. This large folding map on original canvas shows the development and settlement of the fledgling US, surrounded with thirteen detailed insets for its major cities and their environs, and two insets for its territories, showing southern Florida and the western territories stretching to the Pacific. Catching an interesting transitional period, this large map shows an "Sioux Dist." flowing from the top of Missouri up to the Canadian border, bounded by the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers. Beyond it to the west lay three more large Indian districts. Major distortions still contour Territory of Michigan and the neighboring "Huron" territory, due in part to a mis-shapen Lake Michigan. A masterpiece for early American towns, roads, and complimented by a large title cartouche. Condition is good with some canvas deterioration on the corner joints in the upper, and some paper corners mis-folded. Some original silk edging still surrounds the image. Lightly toned, with some offset-setting. Our photos don't begin to do it justice. A stately beauty. $9,500.00

Territories of "St. Louis", "Howard", and "Lawrence"

11. (United States) Carte Generale Des Etats Unis De L’Amerique Septentrionale, Vivien, Paris, 1834, 12.25 x 15, uncolored as issued. It’s been years since we have offered this map, and it’s one of our favorites for one particular feature. West of the Mississippi River you notice where Missouri should be there are two large demarcations for what look like counties one labeled "St. Louis" and the other "Howard". Below those in what would be Missouri/Arkansas are "C. Girardeau", "Lawrence" and a very small "Arkansas". These are apparently based on the companies active in each of these small regions. The greater West is divided into a huge Missouri territory and west of the Rockies "Colombia". A fine French engraving in beautiful condition. $490.00

12. (United States) Nouvelle Carte des Etats - Unis Des Haut et Bas-Canada, Bire, 1843, 25 x 36.5, outline hand color. Unusually large, this rarity is indebted to Tanner and showing the rapidly developing US all the way to the Indian Districts (Ozark, Osage, Mandan) and the Territory of Oregon. This precise engraving includes fine detail, for towns, railroads, and roads in the East, and insets for the far West and the southern part of Florida. Four additional insets handle the major cities of Washington, Boston, New York, and Philadelphia. Great for this transitional time in the territories, and flat out attractive. Condition is very good. $800.00

13. (North America) North America, Johnston, c.1846, 24.5 x 19.5, outline hand color. Showing the continent this map catches an interesting period when west of the Mississippi lay an Oregon Territory. Interestingly the hand coloring to this map shows a Pacific Northwest unlike anything else we can think of. While the west coast is shown as US possession, it is just barely at the British are shown possessing the Puget Sound and all the land bounded by the Columbia, save for an odd coastal bit still held by the US. Does show the Oregon trail as well as many roads amongst the missions of the "Upper Or New California". Condition is good with a small manuscript circling near San Fran, otherwise quite nice. $2,250.00

14. (United States) Map of the United States of North America, Ettling, 1861, London, 26 x 37, printed color. This grand map for the US was intended to show the situation of the country as the Civil War broke out, showing Confederate states as light, and Union as darker printed red. And while it does a great job for the territories, routes and trails, there is a classic error that makes this unique. The mapmaker in London just logically put the new territory of Colorado (which began in 1861) along the "Colorado River" - in Texas. That’s right, it shows from the Rio Grande to the Colorado River, up to the Concho river as "Colorado". Lightly printed outline mark on the boundary. Condition is good with some old repairs on the corner folds and marginal soiling. $650.00

15. (United States - Railroad) Lloyd’s American Railroad Map, Showing The Whole Seat of War, Lloyd, June 20, 1861, 37.5 x 47.25, full hand color. Just two months into the Civil War, and Lloyd’s published this huge map of the nation on the back of their “Lloyd’s American Railway Weekly”. It is the definitive reference for the rail road development east of the Mississippi, and an amazing for all the small towns the lines connected. Three decorative vignettes deal mostly with Harpers Ferry, while a large inset show the city of Pensacola and the vicinity. Condition is good with supportive repairs on the old folds and corner loss in several points, which is typical if not a bit better than what is usually seen. $800.00

16. (United States - Indian Reservations) Map of Indian Reservations, Illustrated Christian Weekly, 1874, 12.5 x 9.25, b & w as issued. An early woodblock print from the uncommon Christian counterpart to Harper’s Weekly. This map reaches from the Oneida and Menomonee Reservations of Wisconsin, through the West to the coast. Notes the placement of the reservations as well as which denomination is doing the most work in that group, for instance the Methodist were active in northern California, Episcopal in Wyoming and the Unitarians in Wyoming. This sold complete with the rest of this issue so as to include the article about the map which does address some of the recent native massacres. First time to come across this. Condition is very good. $145.00

17. (United States - Flight) Aeronautical Map of the United States Canada Cuba Mexico, James T. Igoe Company, Chicago 1890, 38.5 x 62.5, full printed color. A masterpiece of early American flight. This canvas backed wall map has a colorful base which illustrates elevation as well as roads, towns and airfields. Throughout, the new highways of the air are charted, many of them named such as "Delta Air Services", "American Airlines", "NYBRA", and others. On both sides of the image are key figures of flight from Charute and the Wright brothers to Lindbergh, Langley, Curtiss, Earhart, Byrd and others. Condition is good with marginal wear and wrinkles. Our first encounter with this rarity. $575.00

18. (United States) Road Map of United States. Prepared especially for McCauley Map Case Company Detroit Michigan, H.M. Gousha, 1939, case measuring 8 x 4, printed color. The next step in the evolution of the folding road map, this device allowed you to scroll...
through the roads of the nation, by housing a long scroll that shows the entire nation in strips, running north to south. Condition is very good and functioning. $70.00

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19. (Alaska) Map of Alaska Highway, Mundy Map Co., Edmonton, 1943, 29 x 18.5, printed color
A large folding map touching on everything imaginable from Oil Fields and Ranching lands to roads, good trails and the air mail service line. Reaches from Vancouver to Fairbanks and Mackenzie Bay. A thorough resource. Condition is very good. $70.00

20. (Arizona – New Mexico) Arizona and New Mexico, Mitchell, 1868, 11.75 x 14.5, outline hand color Here the sister territories as they are still primitive. Arizona is divided in four huge counties, dotted with many tribal notations. New Mexico is considerably more developed with several roads noted coming in from the east, including the Santa Fe trail (“Caravan Route from Missouri”). Condition is good with some damp-staining reaching into the surrounding decorative border. $90.00

21. (California) California, Hader, 1932, 12 x 8.5, full color
An unimaginably dense and colorful pictorial map of the state, with detailed vignettes from San Diego to Mt Shasta. Scenes shown are both historic and modern, and condition is very good with close margins. $90.00

A great American artist and illustrator, Groth did everything from court room sketches and war correspondence to illustrating “Grapes of Wrath” and “All Quiet on the Western Front”. He was a unique illustrator that worked in a “speed line” style, accentuating motion. Here is his map of Hollywood, notes the big studios (“Chaplin Studio, United Artists”) as well as the restaurants and hotels (“Brown Derby, Ambassador Hotel”). Condition is very good with some minor supportive repairs to the centerfold. $100.00

23. (Colorado - West) (Pikes Peak Gold Region) New York Weekly Tribune, 1860, 4.25 x 8.5, uncolored as issued
A woodcut gold rush map showing just three potential routes to the gold fields, with the Platte river route being shown as perhaps the easiest. Of the three other routes to the gold fields, the Republican river route is labeled as the “Old Express Route”, the Smokey Hill Fork isn’t even shown as a good potential route, and the Arkansas River is shown as the “Santa Fe or Arkansas River Route”. Notes the three rival cities Denver, Highland and Auraria, along with other towns in the area. A rarity, it is soiled but complete with it’s entire issue. $220.00

24. (Colorado) Map of Colorado Embracing the Central Gold Region, Ebert/Blackmore, 1869, 19 x 26.25, some hand color
Perhaps the most uncommon map of the territory, while being the most significant. Based off the extremely scarce, and important map by Ebert, it is a scaled down version of Ebert’s work, with Blackmore’s additions of hand color to illustrate the promise of the San Luis valley. A key map for the evolution of Colorado mapping, rare, and in good condition. Some supportive repairs. $2100.00

25. (Colorado) Nell’s Topographical Map of the State of Colorado, 1896, 31 x 40, bold original hand color
Serving on the survey crew of George Wheeler, Louis Nell had the first hand opportunity to review the West, mile by mile, when it was still primitive. After his duties came to an end, he chose to settle in Colorado, got married and began publishing high quality maps of his adopted home state. You can almost immediately recognize his fine, precise style from his work under Wheeler, and this detailed map of Colorado bears that same trait. This 1896 map of the state is the unparalleled superior reference, and is in very good condition with only a few minor separations at the corner margins. Hard cover guide is likewise very good. $2500.00

The Last Colorado Gold Rush

26. (Colorado - Cripple Creek) Map of Cripple Creek Teller County Colorado, E.E. Miller, 1901, 80 x 70 (image size), uncolored as issued
In 1891 the fiction became fact, as fake claims of gold in Cripple Creek finally yielded true rich ore, and the rush was on! This map shows the city in its frenzied boom, based off of official records and produced by the City of Cripple Creek’s “City Engineer, Civil & Mining Engineer, and U.S. Deputy Mineral Surveyor”, E.E. Miller. As per the title, this map shows subdivision and streets extending beyond what exists today, matter of fact we could at least five addition streets north and several south, all named. Photos don’t do this piece justice, as many of the canvas backed wall maps that we handled for Colorado regions inevitably have damp-staining and are deteriorating, this huge map has its original rollers and is very solid. There is some light damp-staining, but it’s not soiled and illegible. One small area of chipping on the lower border. A rarity that we’ve never encountered and can’t find a parallel to. This map captures the boom, a few years before things would turn sour, and then Gov. Peabody would sick the state troops on striking workers. $4800.00

27. (Colorado) Clason Colorado Green Guide, c.1920, 19.5 x 26, some printed color
This is a favorite reference, any of the Green Guides issued by Clason are great. This is no exception. The guidebook itself is in good condition and is a thorough key for all the towns as well as railroads, and has a few small single page maps for Colorado cities. In back is the map of the state, the front is a second smaller fold out map showing just the “Best Roads of Colorado”. (12 x 15.5). Condition is very good on both, as well as the guide itself. $100.00

28. (Delaware & Maryland) Maryland & Delaware, Hader, 1932, 8.5 x 12, full color
A beautifully composed pictorial map for the neighboring states showing everything from coal miners and naval cadets to a stoic R.E. Lee and troops. Condition is very good. $65.00

29. (Florida) The State of Florida, Goldsborough/Bruff - US Govt., 1846, 42 x 39.5, uncolored as issued
The first government published map of the newly added State of Florida. With great insets for Key West and central river systems, this is a fascinating study, especially in the southern portion which is indebted to MacKay/Blake. Notes various Indian battle ground sites as wells as trails and roads. A large masterpiece for early Florida. Condition is good, is backed with a light tissue and a close right margin has been extended in a few places. $1200.00

30. (Florida) Florida, Hader, 1932, 12 x 8.5, full color
A vibrant pictorial map of the state full of action and interesting vignettes. Touches on the major cities and major nearby islands. Our first encounter with this 30’s gem, condition is very good with close margins. $80.00
31. (Illinois - Chicago) Map of Chicago Showing The Burnt District. Every Saturday, 1871, 13.25 x 9.5, B&W as issued. Issued as a handout broadside while the great fire still smoldered, this rarity with a map acknowledged as a work by Colton notes does note key buildings and has a text that discusses the size and devastation of the blaze. A thick jagged line shows the bounds of the fire. While this was "given away with" an issue of the Every Saturday paper, few have survived and this somehow was bound into a volume of the paper and has remained pristine. No folds or soiling, it's paper is lightly toned, but immaculate. $480.00

32. (Illinois - Chicago) Merchants' New Map of Chicago and City Street Guide. 1873 With a guide full of advertising, and even advertising on the verso of this handsome folding map, this is Chicago on the mend. Just two years after the blaze, this map folding pocket map shows a city quickly rebuilding and pressing on. Hand colored by ward, the outer boundary of the city in bold red, the map lays out the streets, railroads and parks, along with a few key buildings. Rare and in very good condition, a pristine map in a fine guide.$750.00

33. (Maine) Maine, Hader, 1932, 12 x 8.5 A dense pictorial map of the state swirling with color and activity from the endeavors of the sportsmen to paper mills and artist. Condition is very good. $65.00

34. (Massachusetts – Boston) Plan of Boston, Mitchell, 1868, 11.5 x 9.75, outline hand color With names for every pier along the shore of the city, this map shows all the street names, some key buildings, and an inset showing the environs around the city. Condition is good with very marginal damp-staining. $95.00

35. (Massachusetts) Massachusetts, Hader, 1932, 8.5 x 12 With bright colors this pictorial map shows several dozen vignettes of history and local pursuits. Touches on everything from the pilgrims, and the great universities to fishing off the cape. Condition is very good with close margins. $70.00

36. (Middle West) Hydrographical Basin of the Upper Mississippi River from Astronomical and Barometrical Observations, Surveys and Information, by J.N. Nicollet in the years 1836, 37, 38 and 40 assisted ...by Lt. J.C. Fremont, of the Corps of Engineers...under the direction of Col. J.J. Abert...1843, Washington, 31x37, B&W, folded as issued. This is the first great map of the upper Mississippi basin. Nicollet came from France to conduct the survey according to the latest European methods and young Fremont was assigned to help him thus beginning his own career as an Army explorer. Several years of field surveys produced this map and it reflects great care and attention. The map covers the region north of the Missouri, between the Red River and the Mississippi north of St Louis. It is a remarkable piece of work covering this large region with a detail never before achieved. It became the base map of the region for many years. Condition is good with bit of light staining where it is seamed, and some sporadic foxing which is not unusual. $750.00

37. (Missouri - St. Louis) Being a Map of Saint Louis Home of the Anheuser-Busch, Chuck Flachman - Budweiser, 1950, 14 x 21, full color A thorough pictorial map of the city with dozens of vignettes, with both historic and modern allusions. Shows just the major streets of Kingshighway blvd., Gravois St., 12th street, West Florissant Ave., and the "super highway to Clayton". Throughout, there are parks, major buildings, and sights of interest. Detailed. Condition is very good. $90.00

38. (Oklahoma) Untitled Indian Territory). US. Govt, c.1880, 14.5 x 17, some printed color An unusual study for the heart of the southern Oklahoma, showing an unnamed expedition route from Ft. Arbuckle up to a reservation of "Caddoese Delawares and Texas Indians". Notes several battle sights "Vandam's Fight", "Lt. Powell's Fight", as well as abandoned native villages. Does show "Lt. Whipples Albuquerque Road", and reaches up to the Antelope Hills. Condition is good with some supportive repairs on the folds. $120.00

39. (Oklahoma) Indian Territory, General Land Office, D.C., 1887, 24x32, full bright color This map was issued in a Smithsonian Report on Catlins paintings. Brightly colored by reservation, it shows 32 different tracts. On the map and in the key the tribe inhabiting each region is named. This is one of the most attractive and dramatic maps of early Oklahoma. The Greer county area is shown but not named. There are changes in content updating recent treaty changes. Very good.$340.00

40. (North & South Dakota) North & South Dakota. Hader, 1932, 8.5 x 12, full color A handsome pictorial map of the sister states, from a different age. Vignettes are both historic and modern, and full of character. Farm kids play about, a sculptor still chisels on Mt. Rushmore and Indians abound. Condition is very good with close margins. $65.00

41. (Pacific Northwest) Map of the Oregon Territory by the U.S. Ex. Ex., 1849, Wilkes Expedition, Washington, 1841. 23.25 x 34.25, B&W. Wilkes map was a substantial improvement over the Hood map. Wheat was to call the map "quite extraordinary" although it is based largely on secondary sources. In fact a printed note on the map states "The northern part of this Map contains the latest information of the Hudson Bay Company, and the Eastern part, that of Lieut. Fremont...". It was for several years the best available map of the interior of Oregon. Shows the tribes of the West, with boundaries for each. Condition is exceptionally good for this map with no offsetting, no foxing and only a close lower left margin. Wheat 468.$1800.00

42. (South Carolina) South Carolina, Colton, New York, 1857, 12 x15, full hand color Fine for just South Carolina, this county map is a reliable glimpse of development for the period, noting roads, railroads, towns, rivers, and even a bit of the land quality. An inset shows Charleston and Harbor. Condition is very good with some very marginal foxing. $200.00

43. (Southwest) Map Showing the Route pursued by the Exploring Expedition to New Mexico and the Southern Rocky Mountains made under the orders of Captain J.C. Fremont U.S. topographical engineers and conducted by Lieut. J.W. Abert, assisted by W.G. Peck, U.S.T.E. during the year 1845. 19.5 x 28, uncolored as issued This map is from Abert's report of the Expedition to the upper Arkansas River. He made the first astronomical observations in this unknown country and the map (thus sayeth Wagner-Camp), "is therefore of great importance". It covers the area from Missouri to the Rockies as far north as Fort Laramie and south to Santa Fe. In addition to their own observations, the lieutenant drew upon other sources including "information obtained from the Comanchee (sic) and Kiowa Indians". The final product was probably prepared for publication by Charles Preuss. Of particular interest, the map shows the entire route of the Santa Fe Trail, noting the locations of
Council Groves and Pawnee Rock along the way. Condition is very good save for some light, mostly marginal foxing. Wheat 489. $1200.00

44. (Southwest) Mexico, California and Texas, Tallis, London, 1850, 11x15, some outline color, three vignettes, centerfold as issued.

This is the desirable Tallis map of Mexico and the Southwest. Texas is shown with its old republic boundaries extending to the Rio Grande and with the panhandle extending north into today’s Colorado. West of Texas is “New or Upper California” sparse detail and plenty of notations for native tribes and the key rivers. It is reached by the “Great Caravan Route” on the location of the Old Spanish Trail. Mexico is shown divided into its states. There are two vignettes characteristic of Tallis-Ruins at Uxmal, Yucatan, and Mexican Peasantry. Very good. $475.00

The Republic of Texas

45. (Texas) Texas, Bradford, 1838, 14.75 x 11.5, full hand color.

This is the sought after early map by Bradford showing the nation of Texas and its land grants. The southern border extends to the “Río De Las Nueces”, where at its headwaters it is neighbored by the Mexican state of Chihuahua. As settlements extend from the Gulf, we see “Houston”, “San Antonio do Bexar”, “San Felipe de Austin”, with the town furthest north being “Laneville” in the Felisola’s Grant (Laneville, due east of today’s Jacksonville). An immaculate copy of this map with strong and clean original color and pristine large margins. $3500.00

This Most Important Map of Texas on the Brink of the Civil War

46. (Texas) J. De Cordova’s Map of the State of Texas Compiled from the records of the General Land Office of the State by Rovert Creuzbaur, Published by J. H. Colton 35 x 32.5

First issued in 1849, this is one of the mother maps from which all other maps drew their substance. The definitive reference for Texas, first published by Colton in 1856, and this edition updated to 1861. It began as a definitive guide to immigration at the end of the Mexican - American War, which brought Texas into the fold of the United States and opened up vast tracts for settlers. De Cordova, being a land promoter realized the need of a cartographic resource for the land and with the assistance of Robert Creuzbaur, did just that. Creuzbaur worked for the General Land Office of Texas and provided topographical information. De Cordova himself was an interesting character that spoke five languages, had a background as a printer, newspaper man, import/exporter, and settled in Texas in 1839. Traveling Texas, he bought up land as he could, amassing as much as a million acres at one point. His land agency later became one of the largest in the Southwest, as he dealt in and contemporary scenes. From such a figure steeped in the culture and promotion of Texas came this great map.

Hand colored by county, it has an aesthetic appeal, as well as historical. In the lower right, a large inset of the Southwest shows the continuing evolution of the western territories, but this uniquely includes “Colona” the rarely seen proto-Colorado territory, which only appears on a handful of maps. To add authoritative weight to the map the seal of Texas and the seal of the General Land Office is printed in the lower left along with the signatures of many Texas luminaries.

47. (Texas) County Map of Texas, Mitchell, 1868, 11 x 13.5, outline hand color. While small unpopulated counties reach from the east to almost the center of the state, the panhandle and everything below it are still divided into huge tracts (“Young Territory”, “Bexar Territory”, “Presidio”). An inset shows the Galveston Bay. Light damp-staining reaches just to the decorative border. $175.00


A gem of a map for the state, boldly hand colored by county, with much attention given the creeks and rivers, as well as the towns, and railroads. Interestingly while not all counties are dated some note the date they were established “McLennan – 1850”). Does note the “U.S. Mail Route”. Condition is very good. $275.00

49. (Texas) Oil and Natural Gas - Texas Series Wall Map, Denoyer-Geppert, Chicago, c.1934, 30 x 44, full printed color. Denoyer-Geppert was one of the many companies at the turn of the century that were doing everything related to mapping. But they also did diverse educational charts, and this topical map is typical of their abilities. It studies the industry of Oil and Gas in the great state showing fields and pipelines on the largest map and two additional maps touch on other industries in the state (cotton, lumber, food...), and the third addresses Minerals. A chart at the upper left traces the growth of oil production from 1899 to 1933. Condition is good with some light soiling toward the bottom of the map. On it original rollers. $580.00

50. (Virginia) Virginia, Hader, 1932, 8.5 x 12, full color. Full of presidential vignettes, as well as allusions to the Civil War, and the slave trade, here is a pictorial map of the state with both history and contemporary scenes. Condition is very good with close margins. $75.00
51. (West) Travels to the Source of the Missouri River, and Across the American Continent to the Pacific Ocean. Performed by Order of the Government of the United States, in the Years 1804, 1805, and 1806... By Captains Lewis and Clark. Published from the Official Report, and Illustrated by a Map of the Route, and Other Maps. London: Printed for Longman, Hurst, Rees, Orme, and Brown, 1815, Three octavo volumes, engraved maps (one folding). Pictured on Cover

This is the expedition that has captured the nation's imagination, and this one of the earliest records of the events. A cornerstone to mapping the continent and dispeller of myths, this is the incredible cartographic achievement produced by the Lewis & Clark expedition. Specifically, with the death of Meriwether Lewis, it is Clark's map of their almost 4,000 mile journey which he compiled, and was then copied by Samuel Lewis. It is the map that gave us a "living" understanding of the West, the bedrock substance which put to death the idea of a water route across the region, but opened up the possibility of land travel. This is a complete set in excellent condition, very light foxing, very light off-setting, and only a small minor separation on one corner fold of the folding map. $22,900.00

52. (West) Map of the United States Mexico & c. Showing the various Land and Water Routes from the Atlantic Cities to California, Appleton & Co., New York, 1856, uncolored as issued

In the title it notes that it is compiled by J.H. Colton and Co., and it certainly bears him influence of Colton's great map of 1849 which showed the routes to the California gold fields, here the interior is updated, but the composition is similar. Sea routes around the US Coasts, and even around the tip of South America are shown, a true expansion heads west. A table at the bottom gives distances from port to port. Shows many trails through the west to California and Oregon, and full of place names. Some repairs to opening tear, otherwise condition is very good. $280.00

53. (West) Map Showing the Routes of trans-continental Railways as Explored and as constructed, 1883. Washington, War Dept., 1883, 23x25, some color.

When the US Pacific Railway Survey was conducted in the 1850's the west was a very empty place. This map, completed about 40 years later shows the routes surveyed in the 1850's in red overlying a map of the west showing where the railroads were actually built. It goes without saying that the Army was proud the routes followed were similar to those surveyed. It is an excellent informative map. Very good. $200.00

54. (West) The Oregon Trail the Highway of the Pioneers to the Pacific Northwest, W.F. Moulthrop, 1932, 17.5 x 33, full color

Perhaps one of the most handsome trail maps we've come across, this birds-eye view map of the West shows the trail from Kansas City (Westport) to Ft. Vancouver, and south to Ft. Sutter. Full of Bison, Natives and surrounding mountains, with a decorative border, it is a great summary of the trail's history, with vignettes noting key figures. Condition is very good. $210.00 Pictured on Back Cover


This map for the northern reaches of the West includes many interesting points. Notably it shows a five county Wyoming with a Yellowstone National Park in its corner. But it's the wealth of detail for towns and roads that are intriguing, especially with a road cutting from the town of Deer Creek (on the Platte) in Wyoming reaching all the way to the Yellowstone River and the Clar克斯 Fork in Montana labeled "Overland Route to the Gold Mines". Throughout the map are noted different resources ("Coal", "Gold") as well as native tribes ("Upsaroka or Crow", "Mountain Snake Indians"). Beautifully colored and in very good condition. $180.00

56. (Britain isles) (United Kingdom) Regnorum Angliae, Scotiae Hibemiae... De Witt, c.1690, 23.5 x 19.75, outline hand color

Stunning and decorative, this large copperplate engraving shows all of England, Wales, Ireland, and Scotland with an inset for the Faro and the Shetlands. Complimented by two cartouches full of cherubs and royal symbols. Condition is good with some light age toning, backed with canvas. $450.00

57. (Europe - WWII) (Central Europe), Manchester Guardian, c.1915, 18.5 x 24.5, printed color

A decorative map of Central Europe, reaching from England to Rome and east to Kiev, this cloth map is showing the stage of what would become the first world war. Accentuates the national boundaries, along with the major cities and town, along with the railroads. Surrounded with a decorative border with various European flags. $90.00

58. (Europe - WWII) Are you shedding your blood to fatten him?, Anon - German, c.1945, 5.5 x 7.5, printed color

Part of the German Psychological Operations toward the end of WWII, this was a drop leaflet used probably during the Italian campaign that was meant to taunt the US GI's in the field. This shows Stalin as a huge hog straddling the Soviet Union with his influence extending beyond Europe, and blood dripping from his mouth. On the back are quotes arguing not against Italian or German victory, but the danger of Russia (quotes from G.B. Shaw to Churchill). Condition is very good for newsprint with very good color and some light misfolds. Very uncommon. $200.00

59. (Ireland-Northern Ireland) Northern Ireland, Griffin - Northern Ireland Tourist Board, c1958, 20.75 x 15.25, full color

A colorful and busy map of the six counties of the north with vignettes showing interesting regional history, from giants and ancient heroes ("St. Patrick was a herman on Slemish mountain") to point for hunting and fishing. Beautiful and decorative. $65.00

60. (Germany - Munich) Localbahn - Actiengesellschaft in Munchen. Zufahrtslinien in Das Bayerische Hochland,... Muller & Trub, Arau - Switzerland, c.1910, 25 x 40.75, full color

A grand stunning birds-eye view of the environs of Munich, and the nearby Tyrolian mountains and towns. A map at the bottom center shows from Nurnberg to Munich and into mountains, will all the roads and railroads that criss-cross the area. An amazing beauty, in very good condition with strong color. $310.00

61. (Scotland) Scotiae Tabula..., Ortelius, 1590, 14 x 19, full hand color

A fine engraving of all of Scotland by the great master, Ortelius. Derived from the larger Mercator map of the British Isles Wonderfully decorative with a large cartouche, and lion-esque sea-monster off the northern coast. Condition is very good with some very marginal old repairs that don't effect the image at all. $1200.00


A large, stately map of the islands of Japan, also including a good portion of neighboring Korea in considerable detail. While the fictitious island of Matsuehie is now gone, Matsuki is now shown as part of an oddly contoured "Yedo". Complimented by a large decorative cartouche full of oriental allusions. Condition is very good with large clean margins. $1750.00

63. (Japan) L'Empire
63.  (Japan & The Pacific Rim) (Asian Coast), Krusenstern, 1807, 24 x 33.5, uncolored as issued  
Krusenstern was an Estonian born Russian admiral and explorer who in 1803-1806 led the first Russian supported voyage around the world. The endeavor was meant to open trade from China and Japan to South America with a specific emphasis on examining California for potential colonization. This large chart reaches from the Aleutian island of Attu, around Kamchatka and Sakhalin, through the Asian coast south to Macau. Large and in very attractive, this is the product of an early expedition and any material from it is quite scarce. A rare crisp engraving on great paper. $2900.00

64.  (Japan) Japan, Krusenstern, 1807, 18 x 17.5, uncolored as issued  
A very rare chart from Krusenstern's round the world journey, here the Japanese islands in fine, clear detail, including their provincial boundaries, surrounded with numerous exploration routes from 1786 - 1804. A rare and beautiful engraving. $2800.00

65.  (Middle East) (Iraq, Kuwait, Syria), Mütterebini-ı Osmaniye, Constantinople, 1912, 7.5 x 10, printed color  
Here the lands of the Tigris and Euphrates as they were at the end of the Ottoman empire. Separate division occurs within the land of present day Iraq and are all labeled in the Arabic script (prior to Ataturk's modernization to a Latin based alphabet). Condition is very good. $85.00

66.  (Middle East) (Turkey-Western Turkey) Vilayet of Istanbul, Bursa, Aydin, Mütterebini-ı Osmaniye, Constantinople, 1912, 10 x 6.75, printed color  
Printed in Arabic script, this Turkish published map shows two of the larger western provinces and the cosmopolitan province of Istanbul. Shows major cities, rivers, railroads, and some topography. Includes many of the nearby coastal islands. Condition is very good. $80.00

ATLASES & BOOKS WITH MAPS

Atlas Du Voyage De Descouvertes a l'Ocean Pacifique du Nord et autour du Monde Tome VI, Vancouver - Didot, c.1801, octavo  
Summing the exploration of Vancouver and his men from 1791-94, this wonderfully engraved atlas shows coastal detail from San Diego to Alaska, and was substance to Vancouver's argument that there was no Northwest passage, at least where it had been claimed. Having sailed under Capt. Cook for both his second and third voyages, this Vancouver atlas includes 17 prints showing scenes from Monterey California to Mt. Rainer and Nootka. Condition is very good, fine dark engravings on great stock. Of the nine maps, a few have some light offsetting, typical of the period and some very marginal damp-staining. Binding is still very good with scuffing to the boards, but still very sold. $3500.00

Cram's Standard American Railway System Atlas 1897, Cram, Chicago, pages 562  
This is the masterful reference for the US and thorough general atlas for the rest of the globe. For some states and regions there are both individual sheet maps for states, as well as two sheet sets that can potentially be joined to make large maps for areas such as the Carolinas, Texas or even Illinois, amongst others. You've seen many of the maps in this atlas offered individually, but it is amazing to review the whole set of maps complete. Includes many US city maps as well. Condition is very good with worn original binding and scuffing to the boards, but the binding is still tight. $1400.00