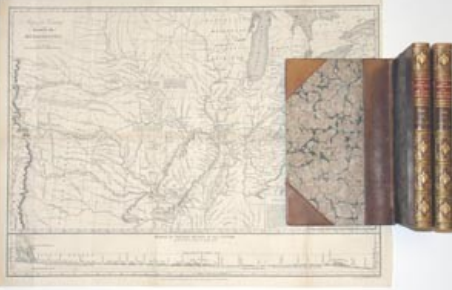


(West – Long Expedition) **Map of the Country Drained by the Mississippi. Contained in “Account of an Expedition From Pittsburgh to the Rocky Mountains...”,** Longman, Hurst, Rees, Orme and Brown, London, 1823

It's a landmark expedition for Western exploration and while we may think of it as the first time Pike's Peak was summited or the origin and source of the name for Longs Peak, it was the first scientific exploration of the Platte River. With a crew of experts in botany, geology, zoology and other fields they headed out from Pittsburgh, stopping in St Louis, and heading up the Missouri River to Council Bluff, and out to the Rockies. It was from this expedition that Long declared the Plains of present day Nebraska to Oklahoma as the “Great Dessert” saying it was, “unfit for cultivation and of course uninhabitable by a people depending upon agriculture.” Geological notations across the map note the western limit of limestone, as well as the eastern limit of a type of sandstone, amongst others. Notes many tribes encountered and as the headwaters of the Republican River it states “The Great Desert is frequented by roving bands of Indians who have no fixed places of residence but roam from place to place in quest of game”. Throughout it identifies the route traveled, as well as other major roads used by the Pawnee and Osage as well as the “Great Spanish Road” that led from the Red River to Santa Fe. Below the map is a vertical profile of the travels showing relative elevations. All three volumes are beautifully rebound and complete with the map detached though with no loss. Numerous illustrations included though shy the total number called for, which can be supplied in facsimile. The text is very clean and without the foxing that is typical. The folding elevation chart does have light off setting. A beautiful and desirable set. \$6500.00



Texas Republic with “Stovepipe” Panhandle

(United States) **Die Vereinigten Staaten Von Nord – America,** Herder, 1847

A masterpiece of German cartography looking seriously at the United States, Texas and their exploration and development. Well detailed for the states east of the Mississippi River, noting the major rail lines and roads, as well as towns and terrain, the West is the source of most interest. A massive Missouri territory covers most of the plains and near Rockies from the continental divide to the state of Missouri and its neighbors. Notates a wealth of tributaries to the Missouri River drainage and includes dozens of regional native tribes. Beyond the continental divide lay the possessions of Mexico in the Southwest and the large Oregon territory of the Pacific Northwest. Does wrestle with the origin of the Colorado river and its tributaries, shown originating just south of Lake Timpanogos. But most dramatic is the depiction the Republic of Texas which includes the extended “stovepipe” panhandle that reaches up into present day



Wyoming, just below the “Big Horn” mountains. Texas is shown divided into land tracts, some with towns which are connected by handfuls of roads. A real rarity complete in the original German handbook by Bromme. Text is lightly foxed throughout, binding is tight and boards and spine are scuffed and worn. Text is 440 pages. Image size of the map is 19.5 x 25 (inches) \$2100.00

(Rockies & Pacific Northwest) **Oregon Missions,** De Smet, 1847

A beautifully restored first edition of De Smet's story, complete with folding map and illustrations. Father De Smet was born in Belgium but came to America in 1821 and with the Jesuit's began his work in the West. First he settled in what would later become Council Bluffs and set up a mission station. While there he assisted Nicolette in some of the mapping of the region, and took these skills with him as he moved on further West. Interestingly through the influence of some eastern tribes, the natives of the northern Rockies heard of Christianity and the role of priest which were termed “black robes”. These northern tribes sent four different parties to St Louis to find a “black robe”, and with the final request, Father De Smet was supplied. He returned to work with the Flathead and other tribes, and also mapped a massive swath of the Northern Rockies, Pacific Northwest and up into British Columbia. This wonderful text includes his story, and has been professionally restored with a tight spine, clean restored boards, and a lightly foxed text. Text is 413 pages, Image size of map is 8.25 x 10 (inches)\$1400.00



(Massachusetts- Boston) **A New and Accurate Plan of the Town of Boston in New England – A New Plan of Boston Harbor, from an Actual Survey.,** Universal Magazine, 1774

A rare set of maps on one sheet still bound in its original text. Like many of the British magazines at the time their subject matter could cover a wide array of topics, but many contained some interesting maps for the colonies at and their key areas of interest. This set of maps looks at Boston around the time of the Boston Tea Party, on the left half looking at the heart of the city as it was, and on the right, Boston Harbor from Hogg Island to Hingham. For the map of the city it shows the grid of the streets, as well as twelve different points of interest which are keyed by letters. Does sketch in the “Powder House” and neighboring “Liberty Tree” and “Fox Hill”, aside from “Beacon Hill”. The Harbor map notes the many islands of the Harbor, the “Nantasket Road” that led to “Long I.” in the harbor, among various water hazards of rocks. Give the depths in fathoms throughout. A rare set of maps for the city in the original complete volume of 384 pages with is very clean and includes numerous other illustrations. Binding is strong with original boards that show some scuffing. Image size of the map is 13.5 x 11 (inches). \$1300.00



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