Australia on the Map

(No. 1 detail)

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Maps are much more than lines and names on a sheet. They tell us at a glance the sum of human knowledge about an area and contain within them the legendary struggles of man against nature. Within 100 years of European settlement not only were the geographic features of the sixth continent revealed, but most of the non-arid areas had been settled or occupied.

This collection of maps well illustrates these themes.
RUSSIAN NAVAL MAP of the PACIFIC. GENERALNYA KARTA PYATOYE YASTI CVITA CODERASHAYA AZIYATSKOI ARXEPELAGI AVCTRALIA & POLEENEZIA EZDENNAYA VOENNO TOPOGRAFEYESKEEMI DEPO [In Cyrillic]. = General Chart of the Fifth part of the World consisting of the Asiatic Archipelago, Australia & Polynesia. Published by the Military Topographic Depot.

[Saint Petersburg], Voenno-topograficheskoe Depo, 1827.

57 x 78 cm. On thick paper. Partly coloured in outline. A few spots of browning in the white margins, fold line through the centre, else fine.

A rare Russian naval map of the Pacific, numbered No. 28 in the top right, one of a series of maps produced by the Russian Military Topographic Depot (1812 – 1863). In the same year a map of North America was issued in 4 sheets, numbered 19-22.

Russian interest in the Pacific began with Krusenstern’s circumnavigation between 1803 and 1806. By 1825 thirteen Russian Naval and merchant vessels had visited Australia, beginning with the Neva in 1807.

This fine map depicts the Australian continent in great detail with numerous place names in Russian. Australia itself is called ‘New Holland’.


$3,500
2 Hall, Sidney. Van Diemen’s Land.

London, Published by Longman, Rees, Orme, Brown & Green, Paternoster Row, 1828.

58 x 48 cm. Engraved map, coloured in outline. Some browning in top and right margin, right corners and bottom centre with mended tears with a little loss, some creasing.

An early map of Tasmania, showing counties.

Plate 36 from A new general atlas... by Sidney Hall, 1830.


$800
FLINDERS, Matthew; [and] KING, Phillip Parker: General Chart of Terra Australis, or Australia from the surveys of Capt.s Flinders and King R.N. With additions from Lieut.s Jeffreys and Roe, also from Adm’l D'Entrecasteaux, Capt.s Baudin and Freycinet of the French Marine, to the year 1829.

[London, Hydrographical Office, 1814 to 1829]

66 x 96 cm. On thick paper. A few short marginal tears, fold line through the centre.

A second revised issue of Flinders’ famous map, first published in the 1814 atlas of his Voyage to Terra Australis, and reissued in 1822. Including as it does the surveys of King on the West Coast and Jeffreys on Cape York, this is the first complete map of Australia.

Cf. Tooley 602 for the earlier 1822 issue.

$3,500
4  **JOHNSTON, A. K.** *Colony of New South Wales and Australia Felix.*


54 x 67 cm. Engraved map, partly coloured in outline, folded through centre as issued.


$1,200
Woolcott’s and Clarke’s map of the City of Sydney. With the environs of Balmain and Glebe, Chippendale Redfern, Paddington &c.

[Sydney], Woolcott & Clarke, 1854.

Drawn by W. H. Baron. Engraved by J. Carmichael. Printed by Degotardi. 57.5 x 47.5 cm folding to 14.5 x 9 cm. Hand-coloured in outline, dissected and laid down on new linen. Housed in a custom made half calf solander box with gilt spine title. Paper restoration to top right and in the margins, with some associated fading, creasing and abrasions with a little loss.

A beautiful map of Sydney and a fine example of the printing skills of Johann Degotardi. Degotardi arrived in Sydney from Austria in 1853 and is regarded as one of the finest exponents of the printing craft in mid 19th century Sydney.

Tooley 128.

$2,500
WYLD, James. Map of Australia, compiled from the latest surveys, made by order of the Admiralty, and other authentic documents.

London, Published by James Wyld, Charing Cross East, and Model of the Earth, Leicester Square, [1855].

56.5 x 84 cm. Five fold lines, some slight browning, a few repairs with loss of a few letters.

This is Wyld’s first map of Australia to include Gold fields and to first to show Victoria as a separate state.

A notable feature of Wyld’s maps is the delineation of the counties on a General map of Australia – effectively an index of the expansion of closer settlement in all parts of the continent.

Tooley 1385. This is the variant on thin paper noted by Tooley.

$1,800
RAVENSTEIN, F. General map of Australia and Tasmania or Van Diemen's Land shewing the British colonies as divided into counties, 1857. Drawn from the British & French Government surveys and other sources; with the new electoral divisions of the Colony of Victoria.

Second edition.


95 x 120 cm folding into orig. cloth-covered boards (27 x 32 cm) with title 'Australia & New Zealand' in gilt on the upper board and blind-stamped on the lower board. Chromolithographed, dissectioned and mounted on linen. A few ink spots, two mended tears along linen folds without any loss. Cloth folder with some wear and a few tears along spine.

Inset maps of Victoria, Port Jackson & Botany Bay with the environs of Sydney, Mount Alexander gold region, Tasmania or Van Dieman's Land [including 2 insets], Port Phillip with Melbourne, Sketch map to show the principal commercial routes to Australia, Norfolk Island and New Zealand.

A Map of Australia including Tasmania and New Zealand in the 1850s. This map features the names and boundaries of counties, as well as main towns, roads and railways, drainage, gold mining and the routes of some land explorers from Oxley to Eyre. The return route taken by Augustus Gregory in 1856 on his North Australian Expedition is printed in blue. It also includes a key identifying the routes taken by particular explorers.

The indexed listing of counties includes the eight counties at Port Curtis as the capital of North Australia. North Australia was a short-lived colony proclaimed in 1846, and
withdrawn later in the same year. It would appear the name *North Australia* is here revived in anticipation of the creation of the new colony of Queensland in 1859.

This map was first published earlier in the same year with the Port Curtis counties numbered but not listed in the margin. This omission may have been the reason for the publication of a second edition in the same year.

The map was also published in Melbourne in the same year by Blundell & Co.

Provenance: With the ownership entry ‘J. Hogan’ on the inside upper board and on the linen verso of the map. This was almost certainly James Francis Hogan (1855 – 1924), the author of *The Gladstone Colony. An unwritten chapter of Australian history*, a history of Port Curtis and Gladstone.

Tooley 493, for the Melbourne issue of the same year.

$2,500
8 REUSS & BROWNE. Map of New South Wales and part of Queensland shewing the relative positions of the pastoral runs, squattages, districts, counties, towns, reserves &c / compiled, drawn and published on Mercators projection by F.H. Reuss & J.L. Browne, Surveyors & Architects, 134 Pitt St Sydney.

Sydney F.H. Reuss & J.L. Browne, Surveyors & Architects, 134 Pitt St, [1860]

130 x 112 cm, folding into 22 x 19 cm, preserved in custom made half leather box with spine title. Handcoloured, dissected and mounted on linen ; With an inset map of Australia. This map was lithographed by Johann Degotardi. Some mild browning, an excellent example of this fine map.

The map can be dated to 1860 as Reuss and Browne were at 134 Pitt St., Sydney only during 1860.

This map, with the delineation and names of individual properties, demonstrates that by 1860 pastoral expansion was complete in New South Wales and Southern Queensland, heralding the era of pastoral enterprise which lasted for the rest of the century.

Tooley 138 (dating it to 1862).

$2,200
9  PROESCHEL, F. General agricultural & gold fields map of Victoria compiled and reduced from the government maps.

Melbourne, [F. Proeschel, 1860].

47 x 52.5 cm folding into orig. cloth folder (17.5 x 11.5 cm) with gilt title on the upper board. Engraved hand-coloured map, mounted on linen.

BOUND WITH: References, or List and Tables of all the features delineated upon the Map of Victoria [Melbourne : The Author, 1859]. 35, (5) pp. Last page pasted down onto lower board of map folder, as issued. Folder with minimal rubbing and very slight wear, some light browning to map and verso, an excellent map.

A map of Victoria showing general topography, agriculture and gold fields. Illustrated with vignettes of the Geelong Town Hall and the new Treasury building in Melbourne. Three small inset maps show Australasia, The world on Mercator’s projection, and the Southern Hemisphere. The accompanying booklet provides an index to place names throughout Victoria.

A rare and much sought-after map.


$2,750
10  SMYTH, R. Brough. *General Map of Australia shewing the routes of the explorers. Reduced and drawn by Edward Price, under the direction of R. Brough Smyth. F.G.S. ; Lithographed at the Office of Lands & Survey Melbourne, the outline and hills by Thomas Franklin Bibbs, the writing by William Collis, under the supervision of Richard Counsel, Chief Draftsman ; C.W. Ligar, C.E. Surveyor General, The Honorable Charles Gavan Duffy, President of the Board of Land and Works.*

Melbourne: Board of Land and Works, November 23rd 1861.

58 x 78 cm. Coloured in outline. Laid down on linen. Some paper creases and a few old tears now closed by new linen-backing. Some slight loss to imprint at bottom.

This is an important map including routes of the explorers. It is the first official published map showing the results of the Victorian Exploring Expedition, as well as two of the four Burke and Wills search expeditions by Landsborough and Walker.

$2,000
11  FREDERIC, John. Plan of allotments in sections 1 to 25 of the Town of Tathra. Parish of Brundah. County of Monteagle [sic].

[Sydney], Drawn at the Surveyor-General's Office, 1866.


Showing the town of Tathra (Scale 4 chains to 1 inch) bounded by Alfred St to the west, Ethel St to the south, the sea to the east and the beach and Tathra Point to the north.

A unique manuscript map, presumably prepared as a plan of subdivision for the property owner with additional topographic details highlighted in colour.

The Surveyor General's Office published a Cadastral map titled 'Plan of Tathra county of Auckland' (45 x 59 cm) in 1865 on a scale of 8 chains to 1 inch. It is curious that this map contains different Parish and County names to those which exist today.

Provenance: By descent from Henry Mort, brother and business partner of T. S. Mort. The Morts were substantial land owners in the Bega Valley and its port at Merimbula.

$2,500
12 CRONULLA: SURVEYOR-GENERAL’s Office. Plan of Port Hacking shewing main triangulation.

[Sydney, Surveyor-General's Office], 1871. Scale 5 in to 1 Nautic. Mile

43 x 63 cm. Orig. hand-drawn and hand-coloured survey map. On thick paper. 1 tear in the white margin mended with archival tape.

Shows Bate Bay and the Entrance into Port Hacking and Quibray Bay with numerous triangulation lines in red from points and prominent spots such as Doughboy Hill. Also shows true and magnetic north.

This stretch of coastline is today better known as the beaches of Cronulla.

A unique and marvellous manuscript map.

Provenance: By descent from Henry Mort, brother and business partner of T. S. Mort. The nearby suburb of Mortdale was established on land owned by T S Mort.

$3,000
13  **WIGG, E.S. Wigg & Son's map of South Australia 1874 compiled & drawn by W. Hughes, London.**

Adelaide : E.S. Wigg & Son ; London : G. Philip & Son, 1874.

185 x 134 cm folding into orig. cloth backed boards (30 x 23 cm) with gilt title ‘Wigg's new map of South Australia’. Printed in three colours, dissected and mounted on linen. A few faint spots of foxing, front hinge of boards a little split, very good overall.

A very large map of South Australia showing towns, telegraph, railways, trans-continental telegraph, stations and counties. With three inset maps, including Port Darwin. This handsome map of South Australia is rare.

$2,750
CASEY, J. J. Dept. of Crown Lands and Survey. Map shewing the alienation and present occupation of lands in the colony of Victoria, September 1st. 1874 compiled by direction of J.J. Casey; printed at the Department of Lands & Survey, Melbourne.

Melbourne: Department of Lands and Survey, 1875.

113 x 162 cm. Printed in six colours. Dissected on mounted on linen in two sections of 113 x 81 cm each, and folding into the orig. half leather boards (30 x 47 cm) with gilt title ‘Government Map of Victoria’ and gilt crest on the upped board. Some browning and staining to linen, spine of cover worn and with small defect at head, boards a little mottled, else very good.

Includes county boundaries, land sold, leased, or licensed, state forests and timber reserves, other reserves. The large coloured portions of this map illustrate the progress of closer settlement in Victoria under the various Crown Lands Acts. This map is a political document issued by a conservative government in an effort to restrain the rush to closer settlement instigated in the previous decade by Sir Charles Gavan Duffy.

$2,200
MACDONALD, A. C. (Alexander Cameron), Map of Riverina and the northern and northwestern pastoral districts New South Wales compiled and published by A.C. Macdonald; lithographer Hamel and Ferguson.


Printed in four colours. Some browning to linen, else very good.

184 x 154 cm folding to 23 x 31 cm. Dissected and mounted on linen. Preserved in custom made half leather box with gilt spine title. An inset map shows Australia with telegraph lines.

This large map shows all the pastoral properties with their names throughout Western New South Wales and Southern Queensland. The scale and elaborate detail contained in this map reflects the zenith of pastoral prosperity in south-eastern Australia in 1880.

$2,500

Adelaide ?, ca. 1912.

64 x 50 cm. Folded five times. A few spots of browning, else very good.

“The blocks are to be offered as mixed farming and grazing leases, and are situated about 63 to 70 miles south of Darwin…”

$500
17  **ROBINSON, H.E.C. The Commonwealth of Australia. compiled, lithographed & published by; Alex J. Scally, del.**


Second edition.

150 x 147 cm. Colour printed map in three colours. Dissected and mounted on linen, folding into original cloth boards (25 x 22 cm) with gilt title. Some foxing to linen, cloth boards with some wear and a 5 cm tear to one edge.

Shows towns, railways, cables and telegraph lines, state boundaries and proposed transcontinental railways.

The map includes ‘late German New Guinea’.

$1,000