



One of the few maps showing the Republic of Texas

KENDALL, George Wilkins.

Texas and Part of Mexico & the United States, showing the Route of the First Santa Fé Expedition.

New York: Harper and Brothers, 1844. Sheet 420 x 290mm.

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A map of the Republic of Texas and environs, including Santa Fé, New Orleans and Mexico City, showing the route of the ill-fated Texan Santa Fe Expedition. It was published to illustrate Kendall's "Narrative of the Texan Santa Fé Expedition, Comprising a Description of a Tour through Texas, and across the Great Southwestern Prairies, the Comanche and Caygua Hunting-Grounds, with an Account of the Sufferings from Want of Food, Losses from Hostile Indians, and Final Capture of the Texans, and Their March, as Prisoners, to the City of Mexico". Kendall (1809-67), a Texan sheepman and journalist, joined this attempt to extend the borders of Texas into New Mexico. In 1841 a caravan of 300 men and 21 ox carts of merchandise set off from Kenney's Fort towards Santa Fé. Badly organised and badly led, the expedition surrendered to Mexican forces near Santa Fé, from where they were force-marched to Mexico City then Vera Cruz. After their release was negotiated, the survivors boarded ships to New Orleans in late 1842. Drawn and engraved by Kemble.



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