

Basic Detail Report

**Title Map of the United States of America, the British Provinces,
Mexico, the West Indies and Central America with part of New Grenada
and Venezuela**

Date 1852

Primary Maker George W. Colton

Medium Engraving; printer's ink and watercolor on wove paper mounted on
fabric

Description Map of the United States, Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean islands, with part of Canada to the north, part of South America to the south, the Atlantic Ocean to the east and the Pacific Ocean to the west. Smaller inset maps show the Isthmus of Panama with the route of the proposed railroad and the Atlantic Ocean with major American and European ports and the routes of the ocean steamers. Small steamships are shown on both this inset map and on the main map. The main map includes considerable detail for both political boundaries and geographical features within the area depicted. The map is surrounded by a decorative border of grapevines incorporating vignettes depicting the Willimette Falls in Oregon; the Battle Monument in Baltimore, Maryland; the Pulaski Monument in Savannah, Georgia; the Cathedral in Mexico City; Mexicans capturing wild cattle; the entrance to a port; the United States Capitol in Washington, D.C.; the Valley of the Connecticut River; Saratoga Lake in New York State; and Astoria, Oregon.

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Dimensions Primary Dimensions (image height x width): 33 1/2 x 42in. (85.1 x

106.7cm) Sheet (height x width): 35 3/4 x 45in. (90.8 x 114.3cm)