William Hooker (active 1804-1846) *Map of the State of Coahuila and Texas*, engraving with applied color on paper, 27 x 33 cm., in *A Visit to Texas: Being the Journal of a Traveller Through Those Parts Most Interesting to American Settlers* (New York: Goodrich & Wiley, 1834), frontisp. The University of Texas at Arlington Libraries Special Collections, Gift of Jenkins Garrett

Philadelphia engraver, printer, map publisher, and instrument maker William Hooker’s *Map of Coahuila and Texas* first appeared in an 1833 promotional book on Texas by Mary Austin Holley (1784-1846), a first cousin of the famous Texas colonizer Stephen F. Austin. Holley and her publisher, Armstrong & Plaskitt of Baltimore substituted Hooker’s map when Henry S. Tanner, the publisher of Stephen F. Austin’s large map of Texas, refused to allow the latter to be used in the book. This later colored version Hooker’s map appeared in an anonymous travel book on Texas sometime attributed to a certain “M. Fiske” of Mobile, Alabama. The author had sailed from New Orleans in March 1831 and had arrived in Brazoria (incorrectly spelled “Brazaria” on the map) to examine a large tract of land he had purchased from the Galveston Bay and Texas Land Company.

This 1834 map contains all the details of the earlier 1833 version but also refers to John McMullen and James McGloin’s grant (contract awarded in 1828), James Power’s grant (also awarded in 1828) -- both in south Texas -- as well as cryptic references to “J. Camerou” in North Texas (John Cameron, who was awarded a contract in 1827) and “De Leon” (Martin De Leon, awarded a contract in 1824). Other new details include “peaks in the west, “Presidio de Rio Grand(sic),” additional towns across the Rio Grande in Chihuahua and Coahuila, the Cross Timbers, “Tenoxiclan” (Fort Tenoxtitlan, constructed for the Mexican army in 1830), “Herd of Buffalo” and “Doves of Wild Cattle & Horses” (phrases copied directly from the Austin-Tanner map), Comanche Indian lands in the west, and Cherokee, Creek, and Choctaw Indian lands north of the Red River.