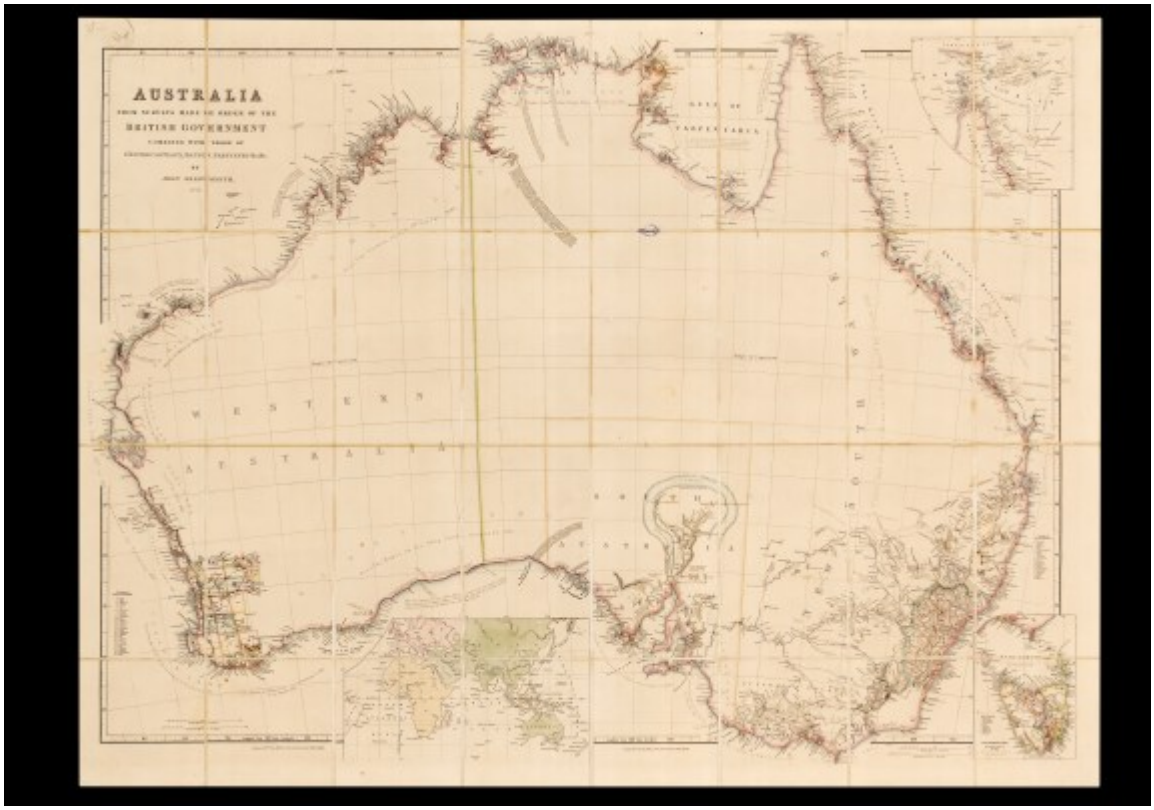


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SHOWING 26 COUNTIES IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Australia from surveys made by order of the British Government: combined with those of D'Entrecasteaux, Baudin, Freycinet &c. &c.

Author
ARROWSMITH, John

Publication date
1st May, 1842.

Publisher
C. Smith & Son, Map & Globe Publishers, 172 Strand,

Publication place
London,

Physical description
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Dimensions
650 by 864mm. (25.5 by 34 inches).

Notes
A later state of Arrowsmith's celebrated large scale map of Australia, with further detail to Western Australia (26 counties), New South Wales (19 counties), and Victoria, showing the supposed course

of Lake Torrens in South Australia, and including notes discussing the discoveries in Arnhem Land, and of Edward John Eyre in 1840.

The mapmaker
The founder of the Arrowsmith dynasty of cartographers was Aaron Arrowsmith (1750–1823). On his death, he was succeeded by his sons Aaron (1802–1854) and Samuel (1805–1839) who worked as partners from 1823 to 1832, when Aaron resigned, ultimately to join the church. On Samuel's death in 1839, the business was acquired by John Arrowsmith, his cousin. John had trained with Aaron sr., joining him in 1810, but leaving on his death to set up his own firm. In skill, John was in no way inferior to the elder Aaron. He too was a notable publisher of important wall-maps, focused largely on British possessions abroad, including important wall-maps of Canada, Trinidad, British Guyana, Africa and of the rapidly expanding settlements in Australia and New Zealand. However, these are only rarely encountered and little known. Instead, he is best known for his maps published in books; he had an enormous output, supplying some 800 maps for Hansard, and other government publications, making and engraving maps for travel books and also, acting as semi-official mapmaker for the Royal Geographical Society, he contributed large numbers of maps for the Society's Journals, illustrating the most recent discoveries contributed by Fellows of the Society.

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