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[Battle of Saratoga with extra flap] Plan of the Encampment and Position of the Army under His Excellency Lt. General Burgoyne at Swords House on Hudson's River near Stillwater on Sept. 17th with the Positions of that part of the Army engaged on the 19th Sept. 1777. Drawn by W.C. Wilkinson Lt. 62d. Regt. Asst. Engr. . . .

Stock#: 100140
Map Maker: Faden

Date: 1780
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 12 x 14 inches

Price: \$ 1,600.00



Description:

Battle of Saratoga -- Four Sets of Battle Positions on September 17, 1777 and September 19, 1777 (Battle of Saratoga)

Fine Revolutionary War battle plan, prepared in London by William Faden to illustrate the actions of the British and American Forces on September 17 and 19, 1777, during the first part of the Battle of Saratoga (Freeman's Farm).

The map includes a flap over the top left corner, allowing the reader to observe the progress of the battle.

Faden's plan shows Burgoyne's forces as they moved from their September 17, 1777 encampment at Swords House near Stillwell, New York on the Hudson River to the site of the first Battle of Saratoga at Freeman's Farm on September 19, 1777. Employing a "flap" system to illustrate two different moments during the battle, the map is also an interesting early graphic innovation.

Faden's plan is an early example of using "flaps" on maps to show the progress of a battle at more than one point in time on the same sheet. At the top right, below the extra flap pasted onto the map so that it



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can be folded back from left to right, the map illustrates the "First and Second Positions of that Part of the [British] Army engaged on the 19th of September." On top this area, the extra flap illustrates the "Third and Fourth Positions of that Part of the [British] Army engaged on the 19th of September."

The color coding for the map is:

- Red: British Troops
- Red/Blue: British Royal Artillery
- Green: Hessian Troops
- Pink: American Troops
- Red/White: Canadian and American (loyalist) Volunteers
- Pink/White: Savages (loyalist)

The Route taken by the German troops Sword's House to Freeman's Farm for the battle fought on September 17, 1777, is illustrated in Green. The "Advance Route of the British soldiers to Freeman's farm is shown in red.

The Battle of Saratoga took place in September and October of 1777 and was a decisive victory for the American forces. Often referred to as a single battle, it was actually two battles fought eighteen days apart, the Battle of Freeman's Farm on September 19, 1777, and the Battle of Bemis Heights on October 7, 1777.

Detailed Condition:

Minor toning.