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Illinois By David H. Burr

Stock#: 0043bm
Map Maker: Burr
Date: 1836
Place: New York
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 13 x 11 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Striking full color example of the first edition of David Burr's map of Illinois, which appeared in his Universal Atlas, first issued in 1836.

Includes fascinating primitive counties, including an odd Joe Davis County at the top and a number of unnamed counties. Shows towns, roads, lakes, rivers, mountains, mounds, a proposed canal and other features.

A highly sought after map.

Burr's Atlas was perhaps the most elegant American commercially published atlas of its time, utilizing wonderful wash colors and elegant engraving style. Burr studied under Simeon DeWitt in New York. His first atlas was an Atlas of New York State, the second state atlas to be issued in the US (after Mills Atlas of South Carolina in 1826). In the 1830s, he served as topographer for the US Post Office, producing a series of rare and highly sought after large format state maps during this period. Later, he was appointed as the Geographer of the House of Representatives, where he served during the later part of the 1830s.



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Burr is widely regarded as one of the most important names in American Cartographic history.

Detailed Condition: