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United States [Franklinia]

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Map Maker: Thomson & Wyld

Date: 1812 circa
Place: London
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 12 x 9 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Nice example of this rare map of the United States, one of the last maps to mark the state of "Franklinia", in eastern Tennessee.

In the lower right corner is a vignette view of Niagara Falls. Also shows Georgia extending to the Mississippi River, Western Territory, an odd early Ohio Territorial Configuration and numerous early western forts and Indian Tribes.

The most noteworthy feature of this map is the inclusion of "Franklinia" located between North Carolina and Tennessee, as noted below.

In the latter part of the 18th Century, the settlers in Western North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee decided that because of poor representation in State Government, they needed to form a state of their own. A government was formed and initial organizational meetings conducted, but the breakaway state was quickly quelled by the North Carolina authorities, although not before the State of Franklin or Franklinia began appearing on a number of English maps during the period. Ben Franklin himself responded that while he was honored by the decision to name a state after him, he was not able to relocate.

There are only a few examples of maps showing the State of Franklin or Franklinia, this being one of the rarest on the market.

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