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Lay's Map of the United States Compiled From the Latest and Best Authorities and Actual Surveys . . . May, 1827. (earliest obtainable map to show Austin's settlement)

Stock#: 36723
Map Maker: Lay
Date: 1827
Place: New York
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 60 x 51 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Nice example of the true first edition of Amos Lay's wall map of the United States, first published in May of 1827, the earliest obtainable printed map to include Austin's Settlement.

This example of Lay's map is unique in that it begins the process of blue outline coloring for the major Indian Regions of the US, especially those in Georgia, Mississippi, Alabama and Arkansas. By the next state of the map, the reservation lines would expand to include Michigan, Illinois, Indiana and Missouri. A number of early routes of exploration west of the Mississippi are shown and Texas is named, on the eve of its land boom, with Austin's settlement noted.

Streeter noted that this was the earliest appearance of Austin's Settlement on a printed map, with the exception of a rare Mexico City imprint, known in only one example. Streeter notes that the settlement, likely intended to be San Felipe de Austin, is incorrectly shown on the east bank of the Colorado River. The mythical Presidio of Nacogdoches is shown, not far from the coast between Galveston Bay and the Sabine River. St. Louis Bay is shown at the mouth of the Brazos. Streeter notes the existence of the 1827 and 1830 editions.

Detailed Condition:



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Restored, cleaned and laid on new linen, with green silk edges. Some restoration in the printed image, but generally a nice example.