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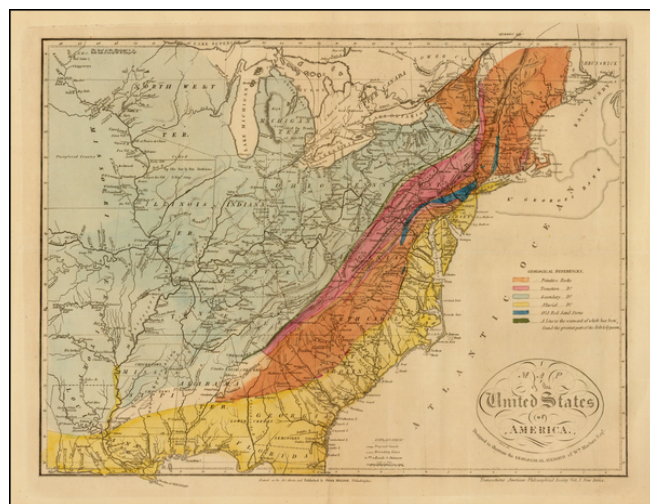
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## Map of the United States of America. Designed to illustrate the Geological Memoir of Wm. Maclure Esq.

**Stock#:** 40950  
**Map Maker:** Melish  
**Date:** 1817  
**Place:** Philadelphia  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 18 x 14 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

The Melish-Maclure map of the United States was one of the first geological map of the United States published in America.

The map appeared in the *Transaction of the American Philosophical Society*, to accompany William Maclure's *Observations on the Geology of the United States*. The map is the one of the first geological maps of the United States. Brightly colored to indicate the location of Primitive Rocks, Transition Rocks, Secondary Rocks, Alluvial Rocks, and Old Red Sand Stone, based on the Wernerian classification system. Also keyed to the legend is a "line to the westward of which has been found the greatest part of the Salt & Gypsum."

The map is one of the earliest maps to show the newly formed Alabama Territory and identifies a massive Missouri Territory, west of the Mississippi River. Indiana is directly below Lake Michigan, with Illinois Territory pushed far to the West off Lake Michigan and Chicago shown in Indiana.

Nice Indian detail throughout the newly formed Northwestern Territories and in Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia.

William Maclure is known as the "father of American geology." He published the first widely available geologic map of the United States in 1809. The first edition was based on Lewis' map, whereas this second edition used the Melish map as a base and it was published by Melish.



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The map is quite scarce on the market, this being the third example we have handled in 20 years.

**Detailed Condition:**

Several repaired fold splits.