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Part of Lake Ontario and of the River St. Lawrence from an actual Survey by Capt. W.F.W. Owen R. N. 1816 (Insets of Kingston Harbour and of Sackets Harbor and Navy Point)

Stock#: 44068
Map Maker: Walker

Date: 1818
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 9.5 x 23 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Fine early map depicting Lake Ontario and the River St. Lawrence during the War of 1812.

The main map charts the waters on either side of the Thousand Islands, with a very detailed inset of Sackets Harbor and Kingston.

The map appeared in *Full and Correct Account of the Military Occurrences of the Late War Between Great Britain and the United States*.

Sackets Harbor

Following the outbreak of war between the United States and Great Britain in June 1812, Sackets Harbor became the center of American naval and military activity for the upper St. Lawrence Valley and Lake Ontario. The brig *Oneida*, with a company of marines, was already at the harbor to suppress smuggling between northern New York and Canada. Local woodlands provided ample timber, and a large fleet was constructed at the harbor's extensive shipyard. Barracks were also built for the thousands of soldiers, sailors, and mechanics who soon arrived to provide the manpower for the invasion and conquest of Canada.

In an attempt to destroy the American shipyard, a British-Canadian force launched an attack on May 29, 1813. At that time the majority of the American forces were across Lake Ontario attacking Fort George. The remaining Americans drove off the enemy, but their narrow victory was marred by a fire that destroyed their military stores. During the remainder of the war, Sackets Harbor was an active station where naval ships were constructed and supplied. In December 1814, the Treaty of Ghent officially ended



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the War of 1812, and the Lake Ontario fleet was placed in storage at Shiphouse Point.

Detailed Condition:

Minor offsetting.