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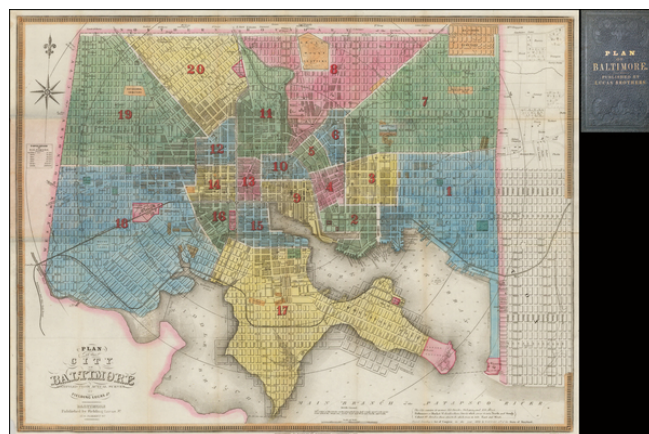
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Plan of the City of Baltimore Compiled From Actual Survey By Fielding Lucas Jr. . . . Improved to 1852

Stock#: 45741
Map Maker: Lucas Jr.
Date: 1852
Place: Baltimore
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 20 x 26.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Finely engraved plan of Baltimore, published by its most famous mapmaker, Fielding Lucas Jr.

Finely engraved plan of Baltimore, colored by Wards.

Warren Heckrotte comments that "A note on map gives the population of Baltimore for each decade beginning in 1790. Another note gives the number of avenues, streets, lanes and alleys. Developed blocks are shaded. This is a handsome map."

Papenfuse illustrates editions of 1822, 1836 and 1841. This 1852 issue may be the last (Ristow).

The Early Mapping of Baltimore

Founded in 1729, Baltimore began its real growth after the American Revolution. By 1800, it was the third largest city in the United States and one of the most prosperous. While the town had been mapped at the end of the 18th Century by two French mapmakers, Folie and Varle, it was not until the city's 1816 annexation of an additional 13 square miles of surrounding territory, that the city made a concerted effort to create a modern survey.

The commission hired Thomas Poppleton, who submitted his completed manuscripts in early 1822. In August 1822, Fielding Lucas Jr. issued Poppleton's survey as this Plan of the City of Baltimore, while Poppleton's full-scale plan was not published until the following year. The map was thereafter issued for the next 30 years and is perhaps the most important and influential map of the City published in the 19th Century.



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Rarity

The map is quite rare on the market. The last example offered in a dealer catalog listed in AMPR, is in 2002 (Martayan Lan: Catalog 30, #95 -- \$2,200)

Provenance: Warren Heckrotte, PBA Galleries, March 2016.

Detailed Condition:

Pocket map, with original covers.