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Geographical, Statistical, and Historical Map of Florida.

Stock#: 47523

Map Maker: Carey & Lea

Date: 1822

Place: Philadelphia Colored Hand Colored

Condition: VG

Size: 16 x 21 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

An important early map of the Territory of Florida, by Carey & Lea.

This interesting map, issued in 1822, shows Florida only 3 years after it was acquired by the United States from Spain. Settlement is limited to the area around St. Augustine, the traditional capital of East Florida. The southern two-thirds of the state were largely free of a permanent European American presence, as it was still largely controlled by the Seminole Nations that fiercely resisted American encroachment on their lands. Only with the Second Seminole War (1835-42) and the Third Seminole War (1855-58) would much of the state be opened to European American settlement. Florida would not become a state until 1845.

The present map appeared as part of Henry Carey & Isaac Lea's *A Complete Historical, Chronological, and Geographical American Atlas* (Philadelphia, 1822). It included many important early state maps, along with detailed written descriptions of the present state and history of the states. Carey & Lea were part of the venerable firm, Carey & Sons, the first great American map publishing house, established by Henry's father Matthew Carey in the 1780s.

This map is one of the critical foundation maps of any collection of the cartography of Florida.

Detailed Condition:

Loss to upper right corner, discoloration at centerfold and some foxing.