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Stock#: 47891
Map Maker: Nolin
Date: 1720 circa
Place: Paris
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 11.5 x 8.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Scarce map of North America, credited to Jean Baptiste Nolin, one of the most important French mapmakers at the end of the 17th and beginning of the 18th Century.

The map shows a fine snapshot of North America at the beginning of the 18th Century, incorporating a number of early cartographic myths and misconceptions.

The map shows the course of the Mississippi River, shortly after it had been significantly revised and improved by Guillaume De L'Isle.

The Longue River and Gnacsitares are shown, based upon the reports of Baron Lahontan.

California is no longer an island, following the model of Guillaume De L'Isle's map of North America.

Florida is depicted as an archipelago. The Great Lakes are very well delineated for the period.

Of considerable interest, Nolin tentatively toys with the idea of two possible inland waterways from the Northwest Coast of America, a forerunner to the Sea of the West and River of the West concept which would dominate the debates of the French Royal Academy of Sciences from the 1750s to the 1770s.

This map is scarce on the market. This is the first example we have ever seen on the market.

Detailed Condition:



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Minor tear, expertly repaired on verso, at the left side of the map.