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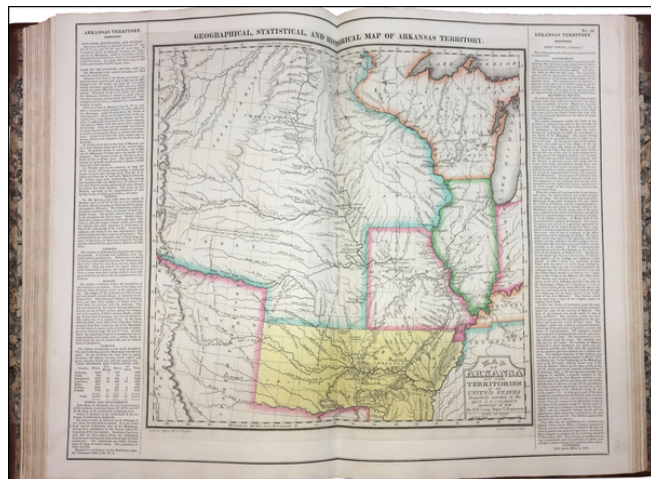
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A Complete, Historical, Chronological, and Geographical American Atlas. . .

Stock#: 48488
Map Maker: Carey & Lea
Date: 1823
Place: Philadelphia
Color:
Condition: VG+
Size: 17.5 x 11.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

46 hand-colored double-page engraved maps; 1 engraved view showing comparative heights of mountains; 5 letterpress tables (4 of which hand-colored); letterpress title (copyright notice on verso), letterpress advertisement, letterpress contents page, and 18 pages of text. [Complete.]

Folio, half calf over original marbled boards, spine in seven compartments, divided with gilt-tooled raised bands, gilt eagle-and-shield tool in third, fourth, and sixth, black morocco lettering pieces in second and fifth. (Expertly rebacked to style.)

An indispensable American atlas, representing the beginning of the hand-colored commercial atlas business in the United States. Includes Stephen H. Long's seminal map of the American West.

Unusually clean and bright throughout. A truly handsome example of the second edition (first published in 1822) of Carey and Lea's atlas of the Americas. While earlier hand-colored atlases had been issued in the United States (for instance by Fielding Lucas Jr., who also worked as an engraver on the present volume), Carey and Lea's was by far the most popular and important of the first wave. The book introduced a format that would be widely copied thereafter, in the atlases of Buchon in France, Weiland in Germany, and Garcia Cubas, in Mexico.

The most important cartographic contribution of the Carey and Lea atlas is the inclusion of the Long Map of the American Plains. Wheat (II, page 81) says of it:

Carey and Lea's Atlas of 1822 carried a 'North America' on which, along with Pike's vagaries, is displayed Long's discovery of the true course of the Canadian, while Missouri Territory is



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carried west of the Rockies. The most interesting map in this Atlas, however, is headed 'Geographical, Statistical and Historical Map of Arkansas Territory,' which is in reality Long's map, covering the Missouri Basin north to Mandan villages and west to the Rockies. 'Highest Peak,' James Peak and Spanish Peaks appear, as on [Stephen H.] Long's manuscript map, and his expedition's routes are set forth. Just south of the Republican Fork appears the significant legend, 'The Great Desert is frequented by roving bands of Indians who have no fixed places of residence but road from place to place in quest of game.' In fact, in large part this map is Long's map, and is so stated in its title.

The 1823 edition updates the maps of Louisiana, North Carolina, and Maine.

Images:

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Provenance:

The book comes with full documentation of its purchase from Weimar-era German book dealer, with invoice and export form (dated December 1930) from Ludwig Rosenthal's Antiquariat, pasted down on front marbled end paper. Ludwig Rosenthal's Antiquariat was founded in 1859 in Germany and is still in business in the Netherlands.

Ludwig Rosenthal's Antiquariat, Munich (invoice and export form);

Mano Swartz, Ashland, Maryland (bookplate).

Detailed Condition:

Small (i.e., half-inch) expertly-repaired marginal tears to three leaves towards the back of the book. Expertly rebaked to style. Otherwise, near fine throughout.