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The King Plats of the City of Washington in the District of Columbia, 1803

Stock#: 49647
Map Maker: King
Date: 1803 (1888)
Place: Washington, D.C.
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 40 x 28 inches (each sheet)
Price: SOLD



Description:

Shows block outlines, numbers, dimensions, and street widths. Boundaries of pre-existing landholdings and waterfront lots and numbers shown on some sheets.

One of a set of 4 maps, published by Norris Peters in 1888. The full set includes:

- *The King Plats of the City of Washington in the District of Columbia, 1803*
- *L'Enfant, Pierre Charles, 1754-1825. Plan of the city intended for the permanent seat of the government of the United States*
- *Ellicott, Andrew, 1754-1820. Plan of the city of Washington*
- *Dermott, James R.. Dermott or tin case map of the city of Washiington 1797-8*

Nicholas King was one of three members of his family to serve as City Surveyor of Washington, D.C., having been preceded by his father, Robert King Sr. and his brother, Robert King Jr. Nicolas King was the the first to serve (1796-1797) and was re-appointed for a second term in June, 1803.

In his history of the early maps and surveyors of Washington, D.C. In 1895, John Stewart wrote:

In the office of Public Buildings and Grounds there is a large portfolio, comprising sixteen sheets, the legend of which is: "The King plats of the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia," and upon its first page or sheet is: "Plan of the City of Washington, laid down agreeably to the Surveyors' Returns, by Nicholas King, S. C. W., 1803." I am obliged to say



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that Nicholas King could not prepare such a portfolio during the time he was in office, in the year 1803. There are upon record no instructions to him to prepare such a map. I have identified the draughting of it as the work of Robert King, Jr., and said on the witness stand that I believed it was the map received by the Commissioners from Robert King on May 4, 1802.

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Key Sheet: **{{ inventory_detail_link('49647q') }}**

Detailed Condition:

16 sheets, plus key sheet. Sheet size is 40 x 28 inches