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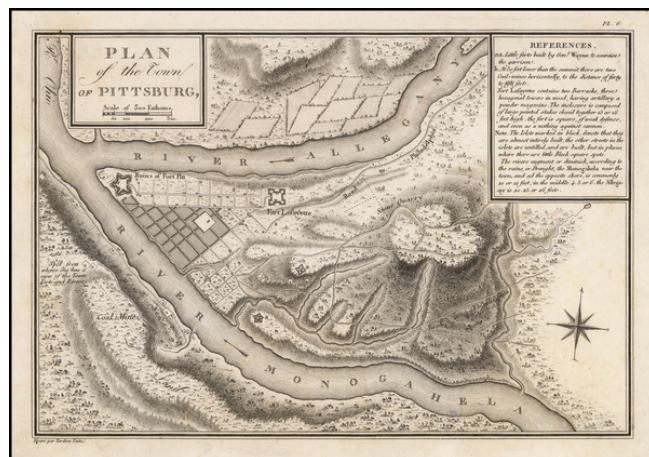
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Plan of the Town of Pittsburgh

Stock#: 49871
Map Maker: Collot
Date: 1804
Place: Paris
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 11 x 7.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Collot's map of Pittsburgh is one of the earliest plans of the city (as opposed to merely Fort Duquesne or Fort Pitt).

The map shows the confluence of the Ohio, Allegheny, and Monongahela Rivers, the small forts build by General Wayne, the Ruins of Fort Pitt, Fort Lafayette, a town plan, Stone Quarry, the Road to Philadelphia, Coal Mines on the south side of the Monongahela, and a number of other roads and smaller fortifications. The key includes further notes on Fort Lafayette and the 3 rivers.

Rumsey notes that the map pre-dates the Louisiana purchase in 1803.

French General Victor Collot's survey in 1796 was part of an intelligence mission into Spanish Louisiana and Florida in preparation for a possible French attack on the Spanish colonies. Collot was arrested by Governor Carondelet and expelled from the colony. Although Collot traveled through the Ohio and Mississippi River valleys in 1796, his two-volume account was not published until 1826. During his inspection tour, Collot observed the topography, resources, and people of these American and Spanish-held lands, which he illustrated with regional maps, town plans, and views in an accompanying atlas. The work was completed in 1804, but delayed 20 years by the death of Collot. The work represented a significant step forward in the mapping of the regions explored. This is one of 23 maps which appeared in the Atlas volume, of which only 100 were printed in English. The work is of extreme rarity and very important in the history of American Cartography

Detailed Condition: