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The State of New Jersey Compiled from the Most Authentic Information

Stock#: 51561
Map Maker: Carey
Date: 1795
Place: Philadelphia
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG
Size: 18.5 x 12 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Important Early American Map of New Jersey -- McKnight's Hotel (Long Branch) Shown in Manuscript

Nice early example of the first edition Mathew Carey's map of New Jersey, published in Carey's *American Atlas* in 1795.

The map provides topographical information and locates counties, the division between East and West Jersey, and many roads and towns. Shipman's Tvn is shown near Phillipsburg, with a road leading from Hiccorry Tvn, to Bunnell's Tvn. The map was first advertised by Carey in 1794, but no separate issues have been located. Snyder notes that the map was an improvement over Faden's map in accuracy, showing counties and roads



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This is the first state of the map, distinguishable from the second state by the lack of the #32 in the upper right corner, which appears in later states.

The present example includes two names below Shrewsbury, one of which is "McKnight's", in the area of the modern town of Long Branch, a reference to McKnight's Hotel. The property was first utilized by a British Officer, Colonel White or Ebenezer Wardell, as a summer seaside residence prior to the American Revolution. In 1788, Elliston Perot of Philadelphia persuaded the caretaker to allow him to occupy the property with his family and shortly thereafter, a Mr. McKnight acquired the property and made additions, creating a hotel. The hotel was purchased in 1820 by William Renshaw and sold to James Green in 1837, who built the Bath Hotel, which burned in 1867. The property thereafter became the site of the Scarboro Hotel.

Carey's *American Atlas* was the first atlas published in the United States, compiling a number of excellent maps from indigenous sources in the first compilation of American maps. This map was engraved by Samuel Lewis.

An essential map for New Jersey collectors.

Detailed Condition:

Minor soiling. Includes handwritten place names.