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Mississippi

Stock#: 52239
Map Maker: Lucas Jr.
Date: 1822
Place: Baltimore
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 11.5 x 9.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

One of the rarest and most sought after early atlas maps of Mississippi, coming only a few years after its admission to the Union.

The map is dominated by three massive regions in the north, the Chickasaws lands in the far north, the Choctaws land in the center and what appears to be a massive Hynes County. A total of 13 counties appear in the southern part of the state, with evidence of the first state surveys shown, south of the so-called Choctaw Line. Several early roads appear.

Fielding Lucas' fine work distinguished him as the best publisher of the era. His maps are printed on a higher quality paper than contemporary maps by Carey & Lea and demonstrate a superior engraving quality and more attractive coloring style.

Lucas' maps are highly desirable and increasingly scarce.



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Fielding Lucas, Jr.

Fielding Lucas, Jr. (1781-1854) was a prominent American cartographer, engraver, artist, and public figure during the first half of the 19th century.

Lucas was born in Fredericksburg, Virginia and moved to Philadelphia as a teenager, before settling in Baltimore. There he launched a successful cartographic career. Lucas's first atlas was announced in early-to mid-1812, with production taking place between September 1812 and December of 1813, by which point the engravings were complete. Bound copies of the atlas -- *A new and elegant general atlas: Containing maps of each of the United States* -- were available early in the next year, beating Carey to market by about two months. Lucas later published *A General Atlas Containing Distinct Maps Of all the known Countries in the World* in the early 1820s.

Detailed Condition:

Publisher's hand-color.