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The United States of North America with the British Territories And Those of Spain, according to the Treaty of 1784 . . . 1809 [shows Franklina!]

Stock#: 53472
Map Maker: Faden
Date: 1809
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 24 x 21 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Finely colored example of this scarce early map of the United States, which includes the briefly attempted State of Franklina in Western North Carolina.

One of the first and finest English maps to display the boundaries of the newly recognized United States. Faden published the map (originally titled *The British Colonies in North America*) in 1777 during the Revolutionary War, and regularly revised and updated it as new information became available. The map covers an area from Newfoundland and James Bay to the southern tip of Texas, here labeled "Cenis" for the Indian tribe that occupied the eastern region. The United States is rendered in solid yellow, while other political entities are indicated by colored outline. Faden distinguishes between the British territories of today's Canada and the Bahamas and the Spanish territories of Louisiana and Florida. He also notes the large "Western Territory" north of the Ohio River.

Faden's map of the US is one of the most fascinating maps of the period. While its most noteworthy feature is its references to Franklina--New State of Franklin, it has a number of other fascinating bits of contemporary information. Beginning in Louisiana Territory, there are references to New Iberia and Arkansas or the Fair Nation. The borders of the Carolinas are shown extending beyond the Mississippi to the Pacific Coast, with a reference to the South Sea Charter. The source of the Missouri is noted as unknown. Massive Western Territory, covering Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa and part of Minnesota.



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Faden also depicts the various company lands, which existed in the west, including New Jersey Company, Wabash Company, the Army Lands, the Lands reserved for the Carolina Troops, Colonel Simms, Donation Lands, Seven Ranges, Virginia Troops, etc. Georgia runs to the Mississippi, with lots of Indian tribes and East and West Florida shown. Several early roads in Texas. The Twenty Leagues Line note indicates that the British Denomination of East and West Florida has been retained, although perhaps not adopted by the Spanish.

This is the 7th edition of the map and one of the most sought after. In this edition, there is an interesting notation added to the color key that all lands not settled by Europeans "should belong by right to the Aborigines," names the "Tennessee Government" and to show the new national capital, "Washington or / the Federal City" (all of which appear for the first time in the 6th State). The map is also one of the few maps to record the short-lived state of "Franklinia." Franklinia was formed by settlers in 1784, but it was never recognized by Congress. Eventually, it was annexed by North Carolina and later reverted back to Tennessee.

This edition is the 3rd edition to show Franklinia and is recognizable by the revised date of the map. It is also one of the rarest states on the market.

Detailed Condition:

Publisher's outline hand-color, recently retouched. Very small repaired hole in Lake Michigan.