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A Map of Philadelphia and Parts Adjacent

Stock#: 56019
Map Maker: Scull & Heap
Date: 1753
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 11.5 x 13.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Nice example of the first edition of the Scull & Heap map of Philadelphia, published by the *Gentleman's Magazine*.

Perhaps the most famous map of Philadelphia, the Scull & Heap map went through many editions beginning in 1752. The first edition of this map appeared in the August 1753 issue of *Gentleman's Magazine*. As the first edition of the map, separately issued in Philadelphia, is very rare, the *Gentleman's Magazine* edition is the first generally available version of this important map. This example of the map was reissued in a later edition, without the table of distances.

The Holme's grid plan for the city lies at the center of the map, with an open Centre Square and the Court House the only indicated features. More information is given about the surrounding regions, where roads, mills, and houses of prominent citizens are shown and named. These details give us a wealth of information about the development of the Philadelphia area in its nascent days. Especially interesting is a considerably developed Germantown, with houses lining both sides of Germantown Pike.

The first edition includes a table of distances from the Court House in the lower right corner. The second



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edition replaces the table with details of the roads in New Jersey, etc.

Detailed Condition: