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North America

Stock#: 58233
Map Maker: Walker
Date: 1785
Place: Dublin
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 8.5 x 6 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A Dublin Published Rarity

Rare decorative map of North America, published in Dublin.

Based upon Jefferys small map of North America from 1751, this marvelous decorative map is exceedingly rare.

The map adds an elaborate vignette integrated into a tree, covering the unknown parts of the west coast. At the top is a bear entering a cave, with wild horses, a bison, deer, wolves, natives and a waterfall underneath. Over the Atlantic is the title cartouche featuring whaling.

The map appeared in Walker's 'Elements of Geography', appearing during his residence on Usher's Island on the Liffey in Dublin, where he had set up a school, teaching classics and mathematics.

Walker is known to have engraved copper plates, so perhaps this map is his own work, but is more famous for his work after he left Dublin: he turned to medicine and, after studying at Guy's Hospital, he became an early advocate of inoculation. Although often at odds with the better-known Edward Jenner, he became director of the London Vaccine Institution in 1813, with Jenner as President.

Rarity

This is the first time we have ever seen the map offered for sale.



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