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**The United States of North America with the British Territories And Those of Spain,
according to the Treaty of 1784 . . . 1793 [shows Franklinia!]**

Stock#: 64978
Map Maker: Faden
Date: 1793
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 24.5 x 20 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare First State of Franklin's United States Showing The State of Franklin!

Scarce map of the United States, which includes the 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 is interesting to note and indicates that the British denomination of East and West Florida has been retained, although perhaps not adopted by the Spanish.

The present example also notes Morgania, the failed colony of Colonel George Morgan. Morgania was the brainchild of Colonel George Morgan, an ambitious and opportunistic merchant and land speculator. After failed attempts to exploit lands in Western Virginia and the Illinois Country, Morgan devised a plan with the Spanish territorial leadership in New Orleans. The Spanish were anxious to counteract the American's westward expansion into their Louisiana Territory. To do so, they enlisted Morgan to attract American settlers who would be loyal to the Spanish crown to settle as Spanish citizens on the western bank of the Mississippi. Morgan selected a site opposite confluence of the Mississippi River and the Ohio River. With the support of Spanish ambassador Don Diego de Gardoqui, Morgan sought to exploit a 15-million acre tract of land and founded New Madrid. However, before Morgan could move forward with the plan, James Wilkinson, who was also part of a cohort of Americans actively soliciting Spanish support for breakaway efforts on the Western American frontier, intervened with the Spanish Governor, resulting in the failure of Morgan's colony before it was formally approved by the King of Spain.

The Faden Sequence

Faden's sequence of maps of the United States represents one of the most important cartographic depictions of the newly independent republic. The map was issued in 14 different states, with the first five states almost never appearing on the market. The Faden sequence comprises a critical and fascinating series of historical documents regarding the political development of the United States, especially since each issue captures a distinct stage in America's process of transformative change.

The present map depicts the United States' boundaries as having been settled by the Treaty of 1784, when in actuality it is referring to the settlement agreed to at the signing of the Treaty of Paris on September 3, 1783, which ended the Revolutionary War. This treaty did not actually come into force until April, 1784. This map is in part based on John Mitchell's *Map of the British and French Dominions in North America* (1755) that was used by delegates during the treaty process.

This is the 5th edition of the map and one of the most sought after, being the first to add the State of Franklin, pre-dating the appearance of "Tennessee Government".



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The map is one of the few maps to record the short-lived state of "Franklina." In the latter part of the 18th century, the settlers in Western North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee decided that because of poor representation in State Government, they needed to form a state of their own. A government was formed and initial organizational meetings conducted, but the breakaway state was quickly quelled by the North Carolina authorities, although not before the State of Franklina began appearing on a number of English maps during the period. Ben Franklin himself responded that while he was honored by the decision to name a state after him, he was not able to relocate.

Rarity

This is one of the rarest maps in the Faden sequence. This is the first time we have offered the map for sale in over 25 years.

Detailed Condition: