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A Map of Philadelphia and Parts Adjacent With a Perspective View of the State-House

Stock#: 66479jc
Map Maker: Scull & Heap & Wagner & Guigan
Date: 1752 (1850)
Place: Philadelphia
Color: Uncolored
Condition: Good
Size: 12 x 22 inches Including Rods
Price: SOLD



Description:

An Interesting Mid-Century Lithographic Edition of the Scull & Heap Philadelphia

Interesting Wagner & McGuigan edition of Scull & Heap's seminal Philadelphia map.

When first issued in 1752, the famous Scull and Heap plan was intended to promote William Penn's new city on the Delaware. When the events of the American Revolution began to heat up, illustrations of the center of the revolt, Philadelphia, began to be in great demand in Europe. This demand was soon met by publishers in England, Germany and France with the reissue of the Scull and Heap map, still the most up-to-date cartographic treatment of Philadelphia then available.

Holmes' grid plan for the city is shown situated between the rivers, and numerous outlying 'country seats' are placed and named, with the primitive road system also indicated. Lotter updated from the first edition



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to take into account the changes in the place names and environs of the city since the middle of the century, and Heap's elevation of the statehouse was moved from the top to the bottom center of the plate. The result of all this is a highly attractive and historic map that shows Philadelphia at the time of the Revolution.

Includes text and distance chart from individual landmarks and the Court-House.

Rarity

The Wagner & McGuigan edition is very rare. The present example may in fact be unique. We note that the Library of Congress has an example with an "L Hebert" imprint at lower right.

Detailed Condition:

Small wall map on original rods. Laid on linen, with original varnish.