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[State of Franklin] Karte von Nord Amerika vom 30ten Grade der Breite bis gegen Wendekreiss des Krebses nach den Neuesten Angaben

Stock#: 67866
Map Maker: Zimmermann
Date: 1805
Place: Leipzig
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 10.5 x 6.1 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Unrecorded state of Zimmerman's map of the United States, which lists as State XX, the short lived attempt to create a State named for Benjamin Franklin.

The "State of Franklin," shown here to the west of Virginia and the east of Kentucky, was a short lived breakaway political movement that brought together residents between North Carolina and eastern Tennessee, as noted below.

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 Franklinia 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. In this instance, Franklinia is mislocated, placing it in what would become West Virginia.

Detailed Condition: