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Stock#: 73436
Map Maker: Carey & Lea
Date: 1827
Place: Philadelphia
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 21.5 x 17 inches
Price: \$ 975.00



Description:

Nice example of the Carey & Lea 1827 edition of John Melish's map of the United States,

The map extends westward to depict the northwest, Missouri and "Arkansa" territories, and the province of Mexico, including Texas. The map draws extensively from Lewis & Clark, Pike, Humboldt and others.

The area in the northwestern most part of Missouri Territory has been significantly updated from earlier editions. The first difference is the change in the border with British America west of the Rocky Mountains, an early example of the American claims to the region north of the 49th Parallel which would dominate British-American politics for the next 2 decades and nearly lead to war. The map also includes significant improvements in the depiction of the Upper Missouri, Clark Fork and Columbia Rivers, including the depiction of many early Indian Tribes.

Further south in what would become Utah, Wyoming and Colorado, the map has also been completely revised. Lake Timpanogos (Salt Lake) takes on a new shape and the Rio de San Buenaventura, the mythical river extending to the Pacific Ocean, is now plainly depicted along with an improved but still wildly speculative Rio Colorado and tributaries. The "American Desert" is no longer shown, but the mountain ranges and rivers in New Mexico are greatly improved and additional topographical features are added in Texas, most notably south of the Red River.



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