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St. Louis and adjacent Country

Stock#: 78118
Map Maker: Melish
Date: 1822 circa
Place: Philadelphia
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 4 x 6.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

The Footprint of Modern St. Louis

Fine single page map of the area around St. Louis, which accompanied his *Geographical Description of the United States . . .*, covering more than half of modern day St. Louis and suburbs.

The area around St. Louis extends to just north of the Missouri River and the towns of Alton and Bellefontaine, along with Walker's Ferry on the Missouri River. To the south, the map extends beyond Cahokia to the mouth of the Meramec River. The roads to St. Charles and Edwardsville are shown.



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Melish noted that at the time, St. Louis was the largest city west of the Mississippi, with a reported census of 5000 inhabitants and 550 houses, "of which a great proportion were well constructed buildings of brick and stone." He reported that St. Louis, "Standing near the confluence of such mighty streams, the produce of an almost immeasurable extent of back country must flow into it, and that country must be supplied from it, with merchandise."

Detailed Condition: