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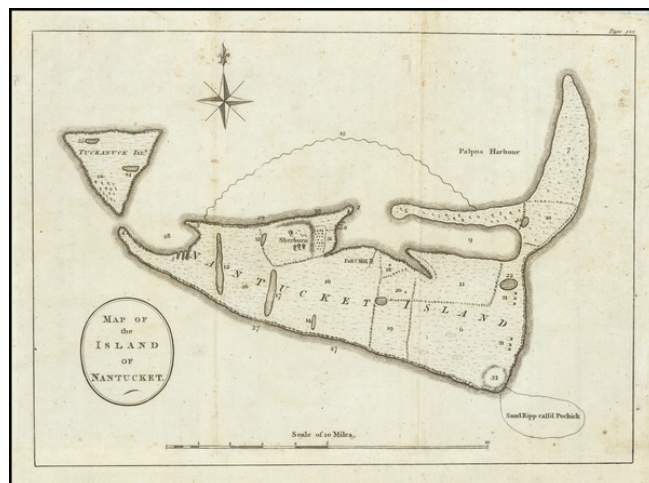
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(First Separate Map of Nantucket) Map of the Island of Nantucket

Stock#: 81909
Map Maker: St. Jean De Crevecoeur
Date: 1782
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 11 x 8 inches
Price: \$ 3,500.00



Description:

Earliest Separate Map of Nantucket

First edition of the earliest separate map of Nantucket, published in the 18th century. Originally prepared to accompany Michel Guillaume St. Jean de Crevecoeur's *Letters from an American Farmer*, the map shows the island of Nantucket as well as the nearby island of Tuckernuck.

The map names a number of places directly on the map. The town of Sherburne, which would be renamed after the island in 1795, is shown with several small houses and mills. Fulling Mill, which now names a road east of its original location, is also named. A sandbar off the island's southeastern tip is named Pochick.

Letters from an American Farmer

The epistolary novel *Letters from an American Farmer*, published by the French immigrant St. Jean de Crevecoeur, describes the lifestyle of farming on the island of Nantucket in the period immediately preceding the Revolutionary War. Written from the point of view of someone corresponding with an English gentleman, the book was only moderately popular in the US but proved a success in Europe, so much so that it is credited with spurring a wave of French migration.

Several of the work's letters deal with the island of Nantucket, describing the politics and customs of the island, focusing on its Quaker society.

Publication History



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The map was published in London in 1782, alongside a later edition of Crèvecoeur's *Letters of an American Farmer*. The map was reissued later in a French 1785 edition entitled *Lettres d'un Cultivateur Americain*. The English first edition is significantly rarer than the French edition.

Detailed Condition:

Lower margin and lower neatline reinstated. Two vertical folds reinforced.