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[Sheet 3] [Map of the United States Exhibiting the Post-Roads, the Situations, Connexions & Distances of the Post-Offices Stage Roads, Counties, & Principal Rivers.]

Stock#: 87623
Map Maker: Bradley
Date: 1812
Place: Philadelphia
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 26 x 19.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Southwest Sheet of the Exceedingly Rare 1812 Abraham Bradley Postal Map of the United States.

Very rare engraved map of Louisiana, Mississippi Territory, Georgia, and Tennessee, constituting the southwest sheet from Abraham Bradley's four-sheet postal map of the United States.

The map clearly articulates the state of the American frontier during the pivotal period following the Louisiana Purchase. Much of the interior of the south is still poorly known and largely unsettled, but the major thoroughfares are dotted with small settlements, towns, forts, and outposts.

This revised state of the map (first published in 1804) still has ghostly signs of what came before it, adding to the viewer's ability to trace the changes in geographic knowledge over this period.

A network of post roads is shown working its way across Kentucky and Tennessee towards the Mississippi River.

The Ohio River and much of the Mississippi have been obviously reworked as better information has become available.

The map provides a clear picture of where communities were coalescing, namely on the lower Mississippi, eastern Georgia, and Kentucky and Tennessee.



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Provenance

"TRIPLICATE" deaccession stamp from the Library of Congress.

Detailed Condition:

Minor toning.