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Florida

Stock#: 92792
Map Maker: Lucas Jr.
Date: 1822
Place: Baltimore
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 9.5 x 11.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

***Fielding Lucas's map of Florida, from the "finest general atlas produced in the U.S. at the time."
- Rumsey***

One of the first printed maps of Florida Territory and one of the rarest and most sought after of all maps of Florida, published shortly after Florida became a territory in 1822.

Only four counties (Escambia, Jackson, Duval and St. Johns) are shown and the names East and West Florida still appear on the map. The Indian Path across the country is shown as is marvelous detail in the southern swamps, which refers to the name Everglades. Key West is named as are a number of other islands in the Keys. A number of early forts, roads, and other places are shown, including the Indian Ferry across the St. Johns River.

A striking example of Fielding Lucas' fine work, which distinguished him as the best publisher of the era. His maps are printed on a higher quality paper than contemporary maps by Carey & Lea and demonstrate a superior engraving quality and more attractive coloring style.



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Lucas' maps are highly desirable and increasingly scarce.

Fielding Lucas, Jr.

Fielding Lucas, Jr. (1781-1854) was a prominent American cartographer, engraver, artist, and public figure during the first half of the 19th century.

Lucas was born in Fredericksburg, Virginia, and moved to Philadelphia as a teenager, before settling in Baltimore. There he launched a successful cartographic career. Lucas's first atlas was announced in early-to mid-1812, with production taking place between September 1812 and December of 1813, by which point the engravings were complete. Bound copies of the atlas -- *A new and elegant general atlas: Containing maps of each of the United States* -- were available early in the next year, beating Carey to market by about two months. Lucas later published *A General Atlas Containing Distinct Maps Of all the known Countries in the World* in the early 1820s.

Detailed Condition: