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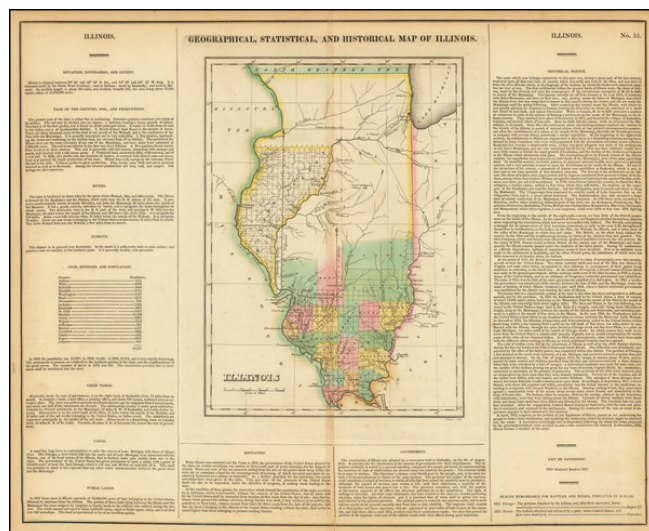
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## Geographical, Statistical and Historical Map of Illinois. (Early Appearance of "Melwakee")

**Stock#:** 93858  
**Map Maker:** Carey & Lea  
**Date:** 1822  
**Place:** Philadelphia  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 21 x 16.5 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

#### ***Includes Melwakee***

Nice example of this important early map of Illinois from Carey & Lea's *Geographical, Statistical and Historical Atlas of North America*.

Carey & Lea's map of Illinois is one of the earliest obtainable maps of Illinois and perhaps the earliest printed map to show Milwaukee, which is shown here as "Melwakee" near the portage and road extending from Rock River to Lake Michigan.

This important and historical map shows Illinois at an early stage of development with few towns and only a few roads. The Northern portion is Indian Lands, other than the demarcated Boundary Lands west of the Illinois River. A narrow corridor separates Chicago from the various Indian claims. About 18 counties appear in the South, many oversized from their final configurations. Some early townships and towns appear in the south, but the North is populated only by a few Indian Villages.

Despite the establishment of the Illinois as a state in 1818, there were still significant boundary disputes between Illinois and neighboring Wisconsin. In 1818, the U.S. Congress passed an act establishing the northern boundary of Illinois as a line running due west from the southern tip of Lake Michigan. However, this boundary was not officially recognized by Wisconsin, which continued to claim parts of northern Illinois as its own territory.



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This is the earliest reasonably obtainable map of the state, issued only a few years after Illinois obtained statehood. Marvelous Indian details. Carey & Lea's Atlas is highly prized not only for its cartographic information but the marvelous information about each of the states and territories included. The atlas was issued in 6 editions in English, French & German between 1822 and 1827.

Size includes text below map, which contains details concerning the topography, indigenous lands, rivers, chief towns, commerce, government, and a historical sketch.

**Detailed Condition:**

Minor discoloration at centerfold