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[Carey and Lea's American Atlas] A Complete Historical, Chronological and Geographical American Atlas . . . 1822

Stock#: 99149
Map Maker: Carey & Lea
Date: 1822
Place: Philadelphia
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 12 x 18.5 inches (Binding)
Price: SOLD



Description:

An indispensable American atlas, representing the beginning of the hand-colored commercial atlas business in the United States. Includes Stephen H. Long's seminal map of the American West.

Rare Full Calf Binding

Unusually clean and bright throughout. A truly handsome example of the first edition of Carey and Lea's atlas of the Americas.

While earlier hand-colored atlases had been issued in the United States (for instance by Fielding Lucas Jr., who also drew maps for the present volume), Carey and Lea's was by far the most popular and important of what Foster referred to as the first American war of atlases. The book substantially popularized the Lavoisine format that would be widely copied thereafter, in the atlases of Buchon in France, Weiland in Germany, and Garcia Cubas in Mexico.

The most important cartographic contribution of the Carey and Lea atlas is the inclusion of the Long Map of the American Plains. Wheat (II, page 81) says of it:

Carey and Lea's Atlas of 1822 carried a 'North America' on which, along with Pike's vagaries, is displayed Long's discovery of the true course of the Canadian, while Missouri Territory is carried west of the Rockies. The most interesting map in this Atlas, however, is headed 'Geographical, Statistical and Historical Map of Arkansas Territory,' which is in reality Long's map, covering the Missouri Basin north to Mandan villages and west to the Rockies. 'Highest



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Peak,' James Peak and Spanish Peaks appear, as on [Stephen H.] Long's manuscript map, and his expedition's routes are set forth. Just south of the Republican Fork appears the significant legend, 'The Great Desert is frequented by roving bands of Indians who have no fixed places of residence but road from place to place in quest of game.' In fact, in large part this map is Long's map, and is so stated in its title.

Detailed Condition:

Folio. Contemporary mottled calf, edges ruled with gilt and blind roll tools; spine in six compartments, separated by gilt tools featuring an acorn motif, with "AMERICAN ATLAS" gilt-lettered in the second. (Some minor scrapes to the spine.) Letterpress title; 1 page advertisement; 1 page table of contents; 46 double-page engraved maps all in original hand-color; one uncolored double-page engraved plate of principal mountains throughout the world; one hand-colored double-page engraved table showing the comparative lengths of the principal rivers throughout the world; all mounted on guards. (Complete.) Some maps with splitting at bottom centerfold, the most major of which is at 42, 44, 46, 47, and 52. Torn corner at appendix of 42. (Front and rear pastedowns and blanks moderately foxed and creased.)