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The Upper Territories of the United States

Stock#: m0136 **Map Maker:** Carey

Date: 1814

Place: Philadelphia Colored Hand Colored

Condition: VG

Size: 17 x 13 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare full color example of Mathew Carey's map of the old Northwest. Carey published his American Atlas in 1795, which became the first folio atlas published in America. He issued later General Atlases in 1796 and after. In 1814, he became the first American publisher to offer hand coloring. While outline color examples of Carey's maps are not unusual, there are only a handful of recorded examples of the atlas in full original color, making this map a milestone not only for its cartographic content, but for its place in American commercial cartographic publishing history. The map reflects a very early appearance of Michigan Territory (organized 1805), which had not yet appeared separately on any map. The Upper Peninsula was still not part of the Territory. Similarly, the appearance of Illinois (organized in 1809) and Indiana (organized 1800), are amond the earliest on a map. Illinois is pushed considerably west of its true location. Chicago is part of the NW Territory above Illinois, and noted as US Land, a vestige of its acquistion in the Treaty of Grenville. There are settlements along the Mississippi, but none in the interior of Illinois. Indiana includes some settlements, most notably the Fort Waynes and Ouatinon lands, again



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first acquired as part of the Treaty of Grenville. Ft. S. Clare is shown on Lake Huron, along with Detroit. Ohio is similarly sparsely populated. An important map of the region, make remarkable by the full color. Wide margins. Karpinski 27; Karrow 1:0789.

Detailed Condition: