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Illinois

Stock#: m0138 **Map Maker:** Finley

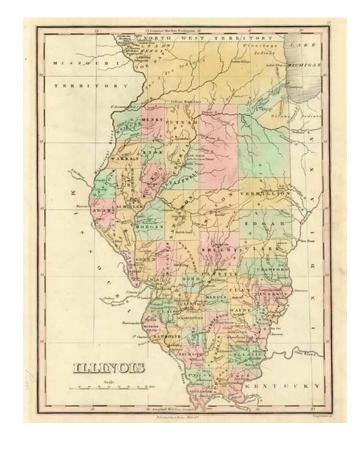
Date: 1831

Place: Philadelphia Colored Hand Colored

Condition: VG

Size: 11.5×9 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Fascinating early map of Illinois, hand colored by counties, with much of the Northern Lands still dominated by Indians. The massive Pike county extends from Chicago nearly to St. Louis. Other massive counties include Clark, Fayette, Sangamon and Greene, counties in the north are now gone, except for two large unnamed tracts, which are Sac and Fox Indian lands. Still no Cook County, with Chicago now attached to an unnamed county. A few early roads and settlements in the otherwise primitive north, plus Indian Villages along Lake Michigan and the Mississippi. Illinois, during a period of rapid settlement and expansion. Anthony Finley was the dominant map maker in the United States from the earlys 1820s through 1831. His Atlas was a huge success, far outselling rival atlases by Carey & Lea and Tanner. Its elegant engraving style, high quality paper and topographical detail made it the best regularly published atlas, with maps corrected and updated as often as yearly during the run. A bit soiled, but still a nice example.

Detailed Condition: