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Map of the United States By J.H. Young

Stock#: 0554
Map Maker: Mitchell
Date: 1831
Place: Philadelphia
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 42.5 x 32.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare first edition of Mitchell's first separately published map. Mitchell's first production was a re-issue of Finley's American Atlas in 1831, along with pocket maps from the Atlas. This first map, engraved by J.H. Young, appeared in both case map and wall map format. Both Ristow and Karrow noted the existence of the second state of this map, but missed this exceedingly rare first state, which is readily distinguishable due to the lack of counties on the map, which appear on all late editions. This true first state does not include the index of counties, meaning that it extends further west than any of the later editions with the index. This map predates Mitchell's Travellers Guide, which includes a much smaller map of the US and which was for some time thought to be the first of Mitchell's original productions. The map extends west to the 95th meridian and shows a substantial portion of Missouri Territory and a massive area west of Lake Michigan which is labeled--Attached To Michigan. A spectacular copy of this rare map, no copy having appeared at auction in the past decades. While early editions appear occasionally in wall map format, the case maps are by far the rarer form. This example has been archivally backed to support several minor fold splits and a minor tear where the map attaches to the case. Very minor loss at one or two fold intersections, but over all an unusually clean and fresh example, in full original color. Karrow 1-1473. Ristow p. 309. Rumsey 2723.

Detailed Condition: