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Geographical, Statistical and Historical Map of Illinois (Melwakee shown!)

Stock#: 50116 Map Maker: Carey & Lea

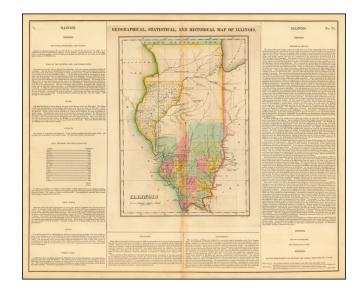
Date: 1822

Place: Philadelphia Color: Hand Colored

Condition: VG

Size: 20.5 x 16.5 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Early Appearance of 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.

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,



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chief towns, commerce, government, and a historical sketch.

Detailed Condition:

Minor discoloration at centerfold and minor repaired fold split.