

Barry Lawrence Ruderman Antique Maps Inc.

7407 La Jolla Boulevard La Jolla, CA 92037

www.raremaps.com

(858) 551-8500 blr@raremaps.com

(First American post road map) New England, New York, New Jersey and Pensilvania

Stock#: 63043 **Map Maker:** Moll

Date: 1729 Place: London

Color: Hand Colored

Condition: VG+

Size: 11 x 8 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

The Earliest American Map to Show Post Roads in the British Colonies

First state of this detailed regional map of the Northeastern United States, from Moll's *Atlas Minor*, which is generally regarded as the earliest map to show the post roads in America.

The first state of the map included the earliest depiction of the post roads in America, with a detailed explanation of the operating postal routes in America, the first American map to describe and depict mail service in the British Colonies in North America.

In the first state (1729), the note at the bottom right appears, but only a single route from Philadelphia to Boston and on to Piscataway is shown. In the second state, a road from New York to Albany and on toward Lake Ontario is shown, and the main route now extends west to Lancaster, before splitting into two routes headed further west.

A seminal antique map of the British Colonies in America.

Detailed Condition: