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Map of the States of Louisiana Mississippi & Alabama.

Stock#: 71164 Map Maker: Mitchell

Date: 1845

Place: Philadelphia Colored Hand Colored

Condition: Good

Size: 21.5 x 17.5 inches

Price: \$ 750.00



Description:

Late, updated edition of Finley's *American Atlas* map of three states, first issued in 1825. This edition was published by Samuel Augustus Mitchell after he took over the plates. Thomas, Cowperthwait & Co. are given as the mapsellers.

Perhaps the most obvious change to the copperplate is that the title is now in the lower-right corner having previously been in the upper-left. The large Indian regions of the frontiers of the Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi have since been divided up into smaller standard-sized counties. This reflects the dispossession of the Chocktaw and Creek Indians. The removal of the Indians from these areas largely took place in the 1830s; the Choctaw emigrated in three stages: the first in the fall of 1831, the second in 1832, and the last in 1833.

Whereas the original Anthony Finley maps were mostly published in his atlases, this edition was separately issued by Mitchell.

Steamboat and stage routes are listed in the upper-left corner.

This example was issued 11 years after Mitchell filed for copyright in 1834.

Detailed Condition:

Original hand-color by county. Folding map on thin paper, as issued. Restored. Some wear at folds, including spots of loss in Natchitoches and Calcasieu Counties, Louisiana. As well as thin separations and



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spots of loss elsewhere. A route north from New Orleans traced out in pencil. Condition is Fair to Good. Original red cloth case, rebacked with later cloth and retouched with red paint which is now exhibiting craquelure.