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Stock#: 73436
Map Maker: Carey & Lea
Date: 1827
Place: Philadelphia
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 21.5 x 17 inches
Price: On Hold



Description:

Nice example of the Carey & Lea edition of John Melish's map of the United States, this edition first published in 1823 (Wheat 352).

The map extends westward to depict the northwest, Missouri and "Arkansa" territories, and the province of Mexico, including Texas. The map draws extensively from Lewis & Clark, Pike, Humboldt, Long, and others.

The area in the northwesternmost part of Missouri Territory has been significantly updated from the 1822 edition of Carey's *A complete Genealogical, historical, chronological and geographical atlas*. The first difference is the change in the border with British America west of the Rocky Mountains, an early example of the American claims to the region north of the 49th Parallel which would dominate British-American politics for the next 2 decades and nearly lead to war. The map also includes significant improvements in the depiction of the Upper Missouri, Clark Fork and Columbia Rivers, including the depiction of many early Indian Tribes.

Farther south in what would become Utah, Wyoming, and Colorado, the map has also been completely revised. Lake Timpanogos (Salt Lake) takes on a new shape and the Rio de San Buenaventura, the mythical river extending to the Pacific Ocean, is now plainly depicted along with an improved but still wildly speculative Rio Colorado and tributaries. The mountain ranges and rivers in New Mexico are greatly improved and additional topographical features are added in Texas, most notably south of the Red River. The "Highest Peak" toponym from Melish's 1820 map (Wheat 338) is now Long's Peak (near the South Fork of the Platte River), with the Lewis River extended just to its west.



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