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**(Atlas - Deluxe Binding) A New General Atlas, Constructed from the Latest Authorities, by A. Arrowsmith, Hydrographer to the Prince Regent, Exhibiting the Boundaries and Divisions also the Chains of Mountains and other Geographical Features of all the Known Countries in the World; Comprehended in Fifty Three Maps from Original Drawings.**

**Stock#:** 74860  
**Map Maker:** Arrowsmith  
**Date:** 1823  
**Place:** Edinburgh  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 9.5 x 11 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



## Description:

***In a Fine Contemporary Red Morocco Binding***

***From a Distinguished Argentine Family***

A beautiful copy of this compact world atlas by Aaron Arrowsmith, in a spectacular diced red morocco binding, with provenance of a major Argentine politician, diplomat and economist, Don Manuel José García Ferreyra (1784-1848), founder of the Banco de la Provincia de Buenos Aires, and son of Colonel Pedro Andrés García de Sobrecasa, with whom he fought against the English invasions in 1806-1807.

Manuel José apparently gifted the atlas to his son, Manuel Rafael García Aguirre (1826-1887) (or perhaps vice-versa, the son originally gifted it to the father - see inscription below), who in turn gifted it to his teenaged son, Manuel José Julián García-Mansilla (1859-1910). The presentation inscription reads:

*De Padres á hijos -- Querido Pepe. Conserva este recuerdo que tu padre dio al [suio?] Manuel R. Garcia May 10, 1876.*

The atlas was first published in 1817.



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Eight of the maps (including the two world maps) relate to the Americas:

*The World.*

*The World on Mercator's Projection.*

*North America.*

*Canada.*

*United States.* The United States map has an inset map of the Florida peninsula (labeled *Continuation of Florida*), as the Florida panhandle is shown in the main map.

*Mexico.* This map shows modern day western United States, including Texas (here part of the region labeled Louisiana), California (here labeled New Albion, with the Baja California peninsula called simply California), and the Pacific Coast of North America.

*West Indies.*

*South America.*

David Rumsey (1960) says of the atlas:

*Although the maps are not large, they are dense with information. This complete atlas features index and 53 copperplate maps, drawn by Arrowsmith and engraved by Sidney Hall, with a few engraved by Thomson in collaboration with Hall. The maps include two world, 29 related to Europe and Scandinavia, 16 on Asia, Africa, and Oceania, and six related to the Americas. The United States map shows Georgia extending from the coast to the Mississippi River. The area west of the Mississippi is blank and labeled Louisiana. Engraved title page has Atlas holding the globe above two putti, one sailing a dingy, the other engaged in cartographic studies with a globe, map and dividers.*

**Rarity.**



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This edition of the Arrowsmith atlas is quite rare in the market, with only a single example (in a defective binding) recorded in RBH during the last forty years.

**Detailed Condition:**

Contemporary full diced red morocco, spine elaborately gilt, all edges gilt. Covers with gilt double-rule scroll decoration with alternating shell and tulip motif. Ownership name stamped in gilt on front cover within chain-link oval: Don Manuel Jose Garcia. Endpapers renewed. Tissue guards (facing each map) renewed. Engraved title page (with allegorical vignette of Atlas holding the world), engraved index leaf, 53 engraved maps with original outline color. Some scattered foxing.