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**United States of Nth America -- Carte des Etats-Unis de L'Amerique Septentrionale  
Copiee et Gravee sure celle D'Arrowsmith . . . 1802**

**Stock#:** 86405  
**Map Maker:** Tardieu  
**Date:** 1802  
**Place:** Paris  
**Color:** Outline Color  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 56 x 48 inches (if joined)  
**Price:** SOLD



**Description:**

A handsome example of Pierre Tardieu's magnificent 4-sheet map of the United States, one of the best large format maps of the United States from the period.

Tardieu's map is based upon the true first state of Arrowsmith's map of the United States, which has been completely re-engraved by Tardieu, and reflects the finer engraving skills of this Paris engraver. In addition to the decorative cartouche present in Arrowsmith's map, Tardieu has added a plan of Washington DC, based upon Andrew Ellicott's official plan for America's newly minted Capital City.

The map is a landmark of American Cartography prior to Lewis & Clark. The interior detail of the trans-Mississippi west was compiled largely from accounts supplied by Native Americans to Arrowsmith, by the Hudson's Bay Company. The course of the Missouri River delineated on the map prompted Lewis and Clark to plot their course along the Missouri River, as it appeared to be the most direct route to the Pacific.

The present map came to the attention of Thomas Jefferson, who specifically reached out to the Tardieu family to update the map. The Tardieus family exchanged maps with Thomas Jefferson on several occasions, specially in aid of the Tardieu's efforts to incorporate information from Lewis & Clark and others into their maps (see, e.g. letter from P.A.F. Tardieu to Jefferson dated May 30, 1809. <https://www.loc.gov/item/mtjbib019962/> ). Thomas Jefferson wrote to Tardieu on one occasion, thanking



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him for his excellent maps of the United States and the Bay of Mexico, and in return, Jefferson sent Tardieu a survey of the Mississippi River from its source to the mouth of the Ohio, and promises a map of Louisiana from "Gov. Lewis, who conducted the journey to the South Sea as soon as it appears."

Following the appearance of the first state, Tardieu's map went through several significant revisions. A second edition was issued in 1808 (adding Michigan Territory, Ohio, Vermont, Kentucky & Tennessee). A third edition was issued in 1812, which is known in at least 3 states, followed by an extremely rare fourth edition, published in 1820, which adds an additional set of half-sheets at the bottom of the map, extending the map's coverage to include all of Florida.

**Detailed Condition:**

Original hand-color in outline. Dissected and mounted on four sheets of linen, unjoined. Some minor soiling and foxing. Small separations of linen, especially around fold intersections. Blind stamp of "Sondley Library Asheville N.C." with pencil notations from the library on verso of each sheet with blue "withdrawn" stamps.