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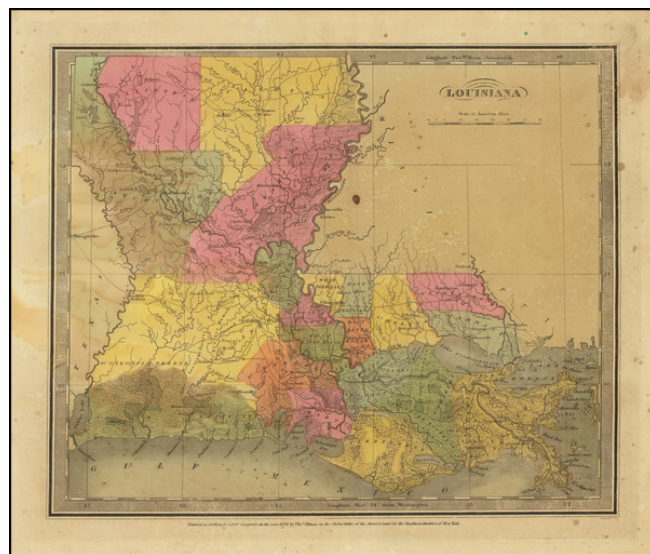
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### Louisiana

**Stock#:** 96146  
**Map Maker:** Burr  
**Date:** 1834  
**Place:** Brattleboro, Vermont  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** Good  
**Size:** 13 x 11 inches  
**Price:** \$ 345.00



#### Description:

*Louisiana* by David Hugh Burr, engraved by Illman & Co. and published in Brattleboro, Vermont in 1834, presents an early and detailed depiction of the state during its nascent stages of development. With a conspicuous representation of its primitive parish system, especially in the northern and western sectors, this map showcases seven dominant parishes ruling vast expanses of the region.

The 1830s were a crucial period in the historical trajectory of Louisiana. The state, having joined the Union in 1812, was in the midst of demarcating its administrative boundaries, leading to the establishment of its distinct parish system. This system was pivotal for governance, as parishes played a central role in local administration and community organization, mirroring counties in other American states. The delineation of so few parishes in the expansive northern and western territories of Louisiana underscores the fledgling nature of administrative establishment in these areas.

Burr's portrayal of the roadways is another testament to the state's budding infrastructural progression. Sparse roads are plotted, with very few connecting the northern and southern extremities, indicating the challenges of connectivity and the vast untouched terrains. The preeminence of indigenous territories and prairies in the north and west stands as a chronicle of the times, shedding light on the enduring presence of Native American communities and their dominance in certain locales.

The engraving work by Illman & Co. captures the geographical nuances of Louisiana, encapsulating its topographical variances and shedding light on the state's evolving landscape. This map, while charting physical terrains, also acts as a historical document, echoing the socio-political nuances and the territorial



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complexities of Louisiana during the 1830s.

**Detailed Condition:**

Original hand-color. Dampstain and spotting.