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### Carte des États-Unis D'Amérique et du cours du Mississipi (Rare Early Franklinia Map)

**Stock#:** 98245

Map Maker: Brion de la Tour

Date: 1785
Place: Paris
Color: Uncolored

**Condition:** VG

**Size:**  $10.5 \times 8.5$  inches

**Price:** SOLD



#### **Description:**

Scarce map of the United States, showing the state of "Frankland" in western North Carolina, predating the appearance of Tennessee.

Georgia, the Carolinas and Virginia extend to the Mississippi (although Kentucke is named).

A large area in the old Northwest is identified as land ceded to the United States. Many western Forts are shown, especially west of the Mississippi and North of the Missouri River. Kansez is named. The vast prairies of Buffalo People are shown. Tecas is named. Indiana and Ohio are named, but badly misconfigured.

A terrific map, which appeared in volume 116 of the *Histoire Unive*rsel and is listed in Ashley Baynton Williams work on Franklina, the third earliest appearance of the name. (Map Collector 72:15, #3)

#### State of Franklin

The map is one of the few maps to record the short-lived state of "Franklinia" or "Frankland".

In the latter part of the 18th Century, the settlers in Western North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee decided that because of poor representation in State Government, they needed to form a state of their own. A government was formed and initial organizational meetings conducted, but the breakaway state was quickly quelled by the North Carolina authorities, although not before the State of Franklinia began appearing on a number of English maps during the period.



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