

Basic Detail Report



Title A Map of America

Date 1801

Primary Maker Alexander MacKenzie

Medium Engraving; black printer's ink and red and yellow watercolor on laid paper

Description Map of parts of present-day Canada and the United States, from the 70th parallel north to the north, the Atlantic Ocean to the east, the Great Lakes to the south, and the Bering Strait to the west. It traces explorer Alexander Mackenzie's 1789 route overland from Montreal to the Arctic Ocean through Fort Chipewyan in red, and his 1793 expedition from Montreal to the Pacific Ocean (also through Fort Chipewyan) in yellow. Physical features are depicted and labeled, including elevation, conveyed through hachure marks; lakes; rivers; bays; and islands. The locations of Native American tribes and First Nations peoples are labeled, as well.

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Dimensions Primary Dimensions (image height x width): 17 1/4 x 30 5/8in. (43.8 x 77.8cm) Platemark (height x width): 31 3/8in. (79.7cm) Sheet (height x width): 19 1/8 x 31 1/2in. (48.6 x 80cm)