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Title A New and Correct Map of the United States of North America

Date 1784

Primary Maker Abel Buell

Medium Engraving; printer's ink on laid paper

Description Geopolitical map of the United States following the Revolutionary

War, in two separate pieces, (.a) and (.b). It shows new boundaries as

determined at the Treaty of Paris: to the north is Canada's James Bay; to the

east, the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the Atlantic Ocean; to the south, the Gulf of

Mexico and what was then known as the Gulf of Florida; to the west, lands

beyond the Mississippi River. Canadian places named on the map include

Quebec, Nova Scotia, Labrador, and the boundary of Hudson Bay. The American

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states named on the map are Massachusetts, Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode

Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland,

Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia. Maine, Arkansas, Louisiana

and Florida also appear on the map, but were not states at the time. The

cartouche appears in the lower right corner of (.b). On the left of the cartouche, a

winged figure blowing a horn heralds the American flag, lit by the rising sun. The

figure represents Minerva, the Roman goddess of wisdom, commerce, and war.

On the flag are thirteen stars, arranged in five rows, and thirteen stripes. A

winged cherub holds up a fringed, oval item (a piece of fabric, possibly). On it is

the Connecticut State Seal with three grapevines. To the right of the title, a

female figure representing Liberty sits under a tree, holding a liberty cap on a

pole in her right hand. In her left, she holds a globe inscribed "America." At her

feet is a scroll inscribed with the first Independence Day.

Dimensions Sheet (height x width): 43 1/4 × 48 3/4in. (109.9 × 123.8cm) Frame

(height x width x depth): 45 3/4 × 50 3/4 × 2 3/4in. (116.2 × 128.9 × 7cm)