

Basic Detail Report

Title An Improved Map of the United States

Date 1813

Primary Maker Shelton & Kensett

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

Description Map of the United States, depicting East and West Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio, Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, and the District of Maine. Orleans Territory, Mississippi Territory, Illinois Territory, Indiana Territory, Northwest Territory, and Louisiana are also shown, along with Upper and Lower Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick. Towns are marked with circles. Physical features include elevation, conveyed through clusters of peaks, rivers, islands, and lakes. In the Atlantic Ocean part of the map, several ships are depicted with descriptions of how they fared in battle in 1812 and 1813: the U.S. Frigate Chesapeake; the U.S. Frigate Constitution; the U.S. Sloop of War Wasp; the U.S. Sloop of War Hornet; the U.S. Sloop of War Argus; and the U.S. Frigate United States. Distance lists appear on both sides of the map, and below it are lists of the inhabitants and staple commodities of each state. The cartouche depicts an eagle with outstretched wings perched above the U.S. shield.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (image height x width): 17 5/8 x 19 1/2in. (44.8 x 49.5cm) Platemark (height x width): 19 3/8 x 22in. (49.2 x 55.9cm) Sheet (height x width): 20 1/8 x 24 5/8in. (51.1 x 62.5cm)