

Basic Detail Report

Title A New General Chart of the Atlantic or Western Ocean and

Adjacent Seas

Date 1794

Medium Engraving; black printer's ink on paper

Description Nautical chart, composed of four sheets, of the Atlantic Ocean and the coastlines of North, Central and South America, the Caribbean islands, Europe and Africa. Coastal cities and smaller nautical features, such as rivers, bays and seas, are labeled, while the interior lands are not. Coastal depth measurements are provided around the Gulf of Mexico and up the coast of North America, stopping around Newfoundland, and for the coasts of Africa, Spain and France, but not the British Isles or northern Europe. At the top left, there is an inset of Hudson Bay and the surrounding area. The equator and Tropic of Cancer are labeled. The 32-point compass rose is located in the center of the map, with 16 smaller 32-point compasses surrounding it in a circle. The scale of sea leagues is marked down the center of the map, from top to bottom, and degrees of latitude and longitude are provided, starting from the equator and Prime Meridian, in the center of the map and around the edges. The decorative cartouche at the bottom right frames the title and publication information, and features the Anemoi, personified winds in classical Greece, at the top. On the left side, there are several tropical trees, including palms, while on the right, there are trees common to a temperate climate. Below the publication information, there is an assortment of shells and coral, and at the bottom left and right

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corners of the frame are two elongated, scalloped shells. A piece of cloth is draped across the bottom of the frame.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (image height x width): 38 x 55 1/2in. (96.5 x 141cm) Sheet (height x width): 38 x 55 1/2in. (96.5 x 141cm)