

Basic Detail Report

Title North West Pennsylvania

Date Probably 1796 or 1797

Medium Drawing; black ink and watercolor on paper, backed with Japanese paper

Description Map of northwest Pennsylvania, with Lake Erie to the north, Warren County to the east, the Allegheny River (spelled "Allegany" on the map) to the south, and the Ohio state line and "New Connecticut" to the west. The land is divided into the counties of Erie, Warren, Crawford, Venango and part of Mercer. The towns of Warren, Hartford, Sackettsburgh, Waterford, Erie, Meadville and Franklin are marked with clusters of varying numbers of squares and the town's name. Natural features include the Pennsylvania Harbor in Lake Erie, Chataughue Lake, the Allegheny River, French Creek and Connowango Creek. Several roads are depicted, although only a few are labeled: the road to "Buffaloe," a turnpike, the road to Pittsburgh (90 miles, as stated on the map) from Meadville and one from Franklin, and the state road to Philadelphia. In the lower left corner, there is an incomplete legend. It provides the symbols for gristmills, roads and county lines, but not the ones for sawmills, powder mills, fulling mills or curding machines. Along the left edge is a small square circumscribed with a dotted line, labeled "Lebanon."

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (image height x width): 12 1/2 x 14 1/2in. (31.8 x 36.8cm) Sheet (height x width): 20 5/8 x 16in. (52.4 x 40.6cm)