

Finding Aid for
"Nouvelle Écosse ou du Partie orientale du Canada" [map]

MCC-00164

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Collection Title: "Nouvelle Écosse ou du Partie orientale du Canada" [map]

Provenance : Georges-Louis Le Rouge (1712-1778). This is a 1778 re-issue of a map which Le Rouge created in 1755.

Date Range : (1755-1778)

Accession Number : MCC-00164

Shelflist Number : V1-164

Language: French, German

Physical Description/condition: 20.8" x 29" (47 x 61 cm) copperplate engraving on paper mounted on a 24" x 29.5" linen backing with paper reinforcement. Hand coloring. The print is in excellent condition.

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Access: This collection is available to researchers without restrictions. Due to the map's size and fragility, researchers may not create copies; however, there are many scanned versions available on the World Wide Web, including at the McCord Museum.

Chain of Custody: The Acadian Archives purchased this map from Parisian map dealer Friedrich Weissert in 1998.

Preservation: The map is stored in a mylar enclosure.

Scope of Content Note.

Georges-Louis Le Rouge based this map of Nova Scotia on works by English cartographer Thomas Jefferys and French cartographer Jacques-Nicholas Bellin. He created it in 1755; this copy is a 1778 reissue (though it is dated 1755).

In addition to Nova Scotia, this map also encompasses Quebec as far west as Montreal and extends south to include Boston. It features a table of comparable latitudes and longitudes for some 25 locations by cartographers Popple, Durell, Bellin, d'Anville, Robert, Blackmore, and John Mitchell. Le Rouge also includes an explanation of the table in French and in German.

Biographical Note.

Georges-Louis Le Rouge (b. Hanover, 1712 ; d. Paris, 1778). Le rouge was a military engineer, a hydrographer, a cartographer, and a map publisher. He specialized in atlases of plans and fortifications and was responsible for the publication of French editions of many American maps. Le Rouge was appointed "Ingénieur géographe du Roi" by King Louis XV. Between 1750 and 1780 he published 14 atlases.

Related Collections.

MCC-000163. According to Kenneth Kershaw, Le Rouge copied information from Bellin's map "Partie orientale de la Nouvelle France ou Canada" for his "Partie orientale du Canada" map.

Sources.

Kenneth Kershaw. *Early Printed Maps of Canada*. Vol. III. Ontario: Canada, Kershaw Publishing, 1993.

R. Oehme. "A French World Atlas of the 18th Century: the Atlas general of G. L. Le Rouge." *Imago Mundi* (Vol. 25, 1971): 55-64.