

*Accurata delineation celeberrimae regionis Ludoviciana vel Gallice Louisiane et
Canadae et Floridae adpellatione in Septentrionali America* map, circa 1734

MCC-00207

Finding Aid

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Title: *Accurata delineation celeberrimae regionis Ludoviciana vel Gallice Louisane ot. Canadae et Floridae adpellatione in Septemtrionali America* map

Creator/Collector: Seutter, Matthaeus, 1678-1756, cartographer; Rein, Melchior, engraver; Rogg, Gottfried, 1669-1742, delineator

Collection number: MCC-00207

Shelf list number: V1-207

Dates: circa 1734

Extent: 1 map (.30 cubic feet)

Provenance: Material was acquired from Guy Dubay, date unknown.

Language: Latin and French.

Conservation notes: None.

Access restrictions: No restrictions on access.

Physical restrictions: None.

Technical restrictions: None.

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Separated materials: Not applicable.

Related materials: Not applicable.

Location of originals: Original map in the possession of the New York Public Library, 2010.

Location of copies: Louisiana State Museum.

Published in: Unknown.

Biographical information:

Guy F Dubay, Madawaska Maine

Respected researcher, historian, genealogist and author, Dubay has done extensive research on the French colonisation of the Upper Saint John River Valley (both sides of the river) from the Lower Saint Lawrence (Québec) and Acadia . Dubay has also been a Guest Lecturer at the University of Maine at Fort Kent and is a strong supporter of the

[French culture and language in Aroostook county Maine](#) . His printed works include: “*Chez Nous: The St. John Valley* .” Augusta, ME: Maine State Museum, 1983; “*Light on the Past: Documentation On Our Acadian Heritage* .” Caribou, ME: Rainbow Printing, INC., 1995; “*The Story of Germaine Dubé of Hamlin* .” 1989; . “*With Justice For All* .” (play about *How the Valley Acadians became Americanized* .) 1976.¹

Scope and content:

This collection consists of a print of a map entitled *Accurata delineation celeberrimae regionis Ludoviciana vel Gallice Louisiane ot. Canadae et Floridae adpellatione in Septemrionali America: descriptae quae hodie nomine fluminis Mississippi vel St. Louis per colonias et navigations Gallorum ob immensas opes et adfluentiam magis magisque inclarescit ex fide digniss.* Published circa 1734, the map appeared as plate 160 in Matthaeus Seutter's Grosser's atlas. The map print is in color (the original map was hand colored), with both Latin and French notations. It depicts the eastern half of the United States, particularly colonial Louisiana. The subject of the map focuses on the "Mississippi Bubble" and the Company of the Indies.

The following description of the map is provided by the Louisiana State Museum map database (<http://lsm.crt.state.la.us/lsmmaps/looker.as?page=2170>):

"The 'Mississippi Bubble' and the financial ruin it caused for many Europeans is illustrated by images surrounding the title cartouche of this map. To the left hopeful investors purchase stock in the company of the Indies from two cherubs and a standing female figure. The banner above her reads, 'What is hope?' A cherub holding an empty pouch hovers above the people on the left, who appear to be in great distress. One distraught individual prepares to commit suicide by falling onto a sword. The banner hanging from the trumpet held by the winged female figure situated above the whole announces 'God is second.' Note that the second female representation beneath her holds a cornucopia from which fabulous riches flow in the direction of those on the left. The banner directly above her reminds the reader that 'boldness brings fortune.'"

The map is 48 x 56 cm.; 57.5 x 67 cm. including the print's border.

Inventory:

1 map.

Order and arrangement: The map was inserted in a Melinex clear envelope and placed in a map folder for protection.

¹ From Grand Falls Genealogy Club