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*[Map:] Battles, skirmishes, and other events in New Jersey in 1775 to 1783 ...
Compiled by J. D. Alden of the Sons of the American Revolution Jan. 1, 1945*

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Large folded map (35" x 54"). Researched and drawn by John D. Alden, Historian of the New Jersey Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Blue line map printed in dark blue and purple: with all rivers, bays, and other bodies of water hand-colored in blue. Modest toning to the back of one panel, a few scattered small tears at some folds, very good or better.

The original first edition of this historically important map. It was revised using Alden's research files in 1965 and 1973, and published for the Bicentennial as: *Battles and Skirmishes of the American Revolution in New Jersey* (by the New Jersey State Bureau of Archives and History, and Bureau of Geology and Topography). Described by *Star-Ledger* columnist and author Mark Di Ionno as: "an extraordinary piece of New Jersey history documentation," the map is as true to colonial New Jersey as possible, noting the old road system, settlements and towns, and including both the Revolutionary War encounters between British and American forces, and skirmishes between American revolutionaries and Americans who stayed loyal to the king. It also lists several sea battles off the New Jersey coast and in the Delaware Bay. In 2007 Alden's map was digitized by students for an Advanced Geomatics project at Rutgers University: "Utilizing the Alden map, an extensive GIS database was developed by digitizing over 700 locations including all major battles, known skirmishes, and places of interest."

The scarce original blue line edition, with the bodies of water hand-colored. *OCLC* locates only 1 copy at Princeton University. We know of only one other copy at The Morristown and Morris Township Library. Ionno, *A Guide to New Jersey's Revolutionary War Trail* p. 203. [BTC#408940]

