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PARIS THROUGH THE AGES

Plan Historique de la Ville et Fauxbourgs de Paris Son accroissement depuis Philippe Auguste jusqu'au Rêgne de Louis XVI.... Dédié et Présenté au Roy Par son très humble et très Obéissant serviteur et fidel sujet Moithey Ingr. Géoge. du Roi.

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Large and detailed plan of late eighteenth century Paris.

Sorrounding the plan are 22 views of royal squares, historic buildings and recent monuments. To each corner is a plan of Paris in the reigns of Charles V and Charles VI (1367-1383); Chales VII to Henry III (1422-1589); and Henry IV and Louis XIII (1589-1643). To the left and right of thr plan is a street index, together with a key to the city's principal buildings. The title cartouche is decorated with the coat-of-arms of Paris, and numerous scientific and cartographic instruments.

Maurille-Antoine Moithey (1732-1805) was a Paris map and printerseller; engineer and geographer to the King and a professor of mathematics. Moithey specialized in the publication of historical plans showing urban developments since the mid-sixteenth century. He has published plans Orleans, Reims, Angers and Lyon.

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