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## Novissima et Accuratissima Totius Americae Descriptio per F. De Wit

**Stock#:** 94824  
**Map Maker:** De Wit  
**Date:** 1680 circa  
**Place:** Amsterdam  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 22.5 x 19 inches  
**Price:** \$ 1,800.00



### Description:

#### *Antique Map of America -- California as an Island - Old Color*

Old color example of Frederick De Wit's fine early map of the Americas and Pacific.

Includes California as an Island, an early depiction of the Great Lakes (not present in Visscher's edition of the map), non-existent coastline north of the Island of California and misprojected South America. This first state of the map predates the information in the NW and Oceana. The map predates La Salle's information on the interior of North America, but includes excellent detail in Canada and the East Coast of North America, noting the Dutch possessions, the Iroquois regions, N. Anglia, New Amsterdam, the Chesapeake, Plymouth, and many Indian place names.

Burden identifies 9 states of the map:

- State 1: 1675 ca: Longitudinal numbers given in 10s. Madera named. Includes sailing ship.
- State 2: 1678 ca: Canaries re-engraved, with "Madera Ins" named.
- State 3: 1678 ca: Longitudinal lines are now shown by 8s.
- State 4: 1680 ca: 3 ships in Pacific and 8 ships in Atlantic are removed
- State 5: 1680 ca: Nova Guinea and Quiri Regio appear in South Pacific and Terrea Esonis to the west of California
- State 6: 1688 ca: Aovenliouach ronons appears between Lac Superior and Lac des Puans
- State 7: 1690 ca: New title: " *Novissima et Accuratissima Septentrionalis ac Meridionalis Americae*



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*Descriptio ....* " At 338° longitude at the bottom of map the plate now includes a significant plate crack and an erased compass rose, with 4 sections missing

- State 8: 1695 ca: Plate crack repaired and four missing sections noted above repaired area
- State 9: 1710 ca: Includes the Mortier imprint

**Detailed Condition:**

Original hand-color. Verdigris is oxidizing, with a small hole in the image near the bottom of the centerfold.