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Britannicarum Insularum Typus

Stock#: 50806
Map Maker: Ortelius
Date: 1624
Place: Antwerp
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 20 x 14.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Scarce ancient map of the British Isles, from Ortelius' Theatrum Orbis Terrarum.

The map was first published in the 1595 edition of Ortelius' atlas. The map was made based upon modern information from Mercator's 1564 map of the British Isles, improved by a new outline from Saxton's 1579 map (Meurer p. 197, Karrow 56/16, p. 387-388) and ancient knowledge from Diodorus Siculus, Plinius, Appianus, Tacitus, Cæsar, Strabo and numerous other Roman writers.

Van Den Broecke notes:

Note the elaborate ship just left of the cartouche. It represents state-of-the-art shipbuilding, not of Greek or Roman antiquity, but of the Low Countries towards the end of the 16th century. The text is among the longest in the entire "Theatrum", demonstrating Ortelius' keen interest in the history of Great Britain.

Detailed Condition: