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Pensilvania by John Seller

Stock#: 80663
Map Maker: Seller
Date: 1690 circa
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 5.5 x 5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Very rare early map of Pennsylvania, published by John Seller near the end of the 17th century. The map shows in fascinating early detail parts of Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware.

Early towns named on this map are Philadelphia, Baltimore, Antioch, Chester, and New Castle. Native American settlements are also represented, with Sasquahang marked. Regions are named and topography is indicated.

This map is derived from Augustine Herrman's four-sheet map of Maryland, first published in 1673 which updated the earlier John Smith map. It would remain the most accurate map of the region until the 18th century. This map was critical in mapping the border between Maryland and Pennsylvania, as it was prepared under the auspices of Lord Baltimore and ran the border through several important points. Lord Baltimore, pleased with that map, would grant Herrman a large plot of land in the upper Chesapeake.

The presented map originally appeared in John Seller's *New System of Geography*, which began publication in 1685, the earliest example is known to definitively carry this map is from 1690. The map was later reissued in Seller's 1700 *Atlas Terrestris*.

Rarity

This map is very rare on the market. We find no examples of the map being sold separately before. The



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last recorded example of a volume carrying this map was sold at Sotheby's in 1989.

Detailed Condition:

Minor tape stains in top corners