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[Virginia Natives] Fictilium Vasorum In Quibus Cibum Coquunt Forma XV [Their Seething of Their Meat in Earthen Pots]

Stock#: 98700
Map Maker: De Bry
Date: 1590
Place: Frankfurt
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 8.5 x 11.5 inches
Price: \$ 345.00



Description:

Virginia Natives Cooking Over a Fire.

Fine copperplate engraving showing Theodore De Bry's version of John White's painting of two indigenous Virginians cooking over a fire. In the center of the image, a large pot full of food stands on wooden planks in a fire, with smoke rising from around its edges. The woman on the left stands holding a utensil. The man on the right kneels next to the fire, fanning the flames.

In 1585, Governor John White was part of a voyage from England to the Outer Banks of North Carolina under a plan by Sir Walter Raleigh to colonize "Virginia." White was at Roanoke Island for about thirteen months before returning to England for more supplies. During this period he made a series of over seventy watercolor drawings of indigenous people, plants, and animals. The purpose of his drawings was to give those back home an accurate idea of the inhabitants and environment in the New World.



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The earliest images derived from White's original drawings were made in 1590, when Theodor De Bry made engravings from White's drawings to be printed in Thomas Hariot's account of the journey. Hariot, a mathematician, had also been part of the 1585 voyage.

Detailed Condition:

Repaired tear on lower right. Minor loss on right side, barely affecting the text. Toning throughout. Slight tears on left extremities, not affecting the image.