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[Atlas of England & Wales] Geographiae Blauianae Volumen Quintum, quo Anglia, quae est Europae liber undecimus, continentur

Stock#: 99196
Map Maker: Blaeu
Date: 1662
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 15 x 23 inches (binding size)
Price: \$ 17,500.00



Description:

Monumental Atlas of England & Wales

Fine example of the Latin edition of Joan Blaeu's Atlas of England & Wales, first published in 1645. The present example is Volume 5 of Blaeu's monumental Atlas Maior.

The maps include a general Great Britain, historical map of the Saxon Heptarchy with decorative panels showing scenes from Anglo-Saxon history and an additional 56 regional maps, which include magnificent heraldic decoration. The maps are modeled primarily after John Speed's 1611 *Theatre of the Empire of Great Britain*, with the text based upon Camden's *Britannia* (1607).

Blaeu's atlas of England and Wales was the first published outside of the England. Here offered in the original publisher's vellum binding and finely colored in a contemporary hand, it is a marvelous example of the mapmaker's art.

Detailed Condition:

Grand folio. 58 maps, with original color, most heightened in gold. Minor spotting; slight browning to text, heavier to title and some pages. Repairs to title and following leaf, 3 ll. with small marginal hole (1 affecting text with minor loss of letters, 1 repair). Map of Denshire with slight crease beside the centerfold. Overall a fine copy bound in publisher's vellum richly gilt, edges gilt; slightly rubbed, small tears to tail of spine, lacking ties. Lacking engraved title.