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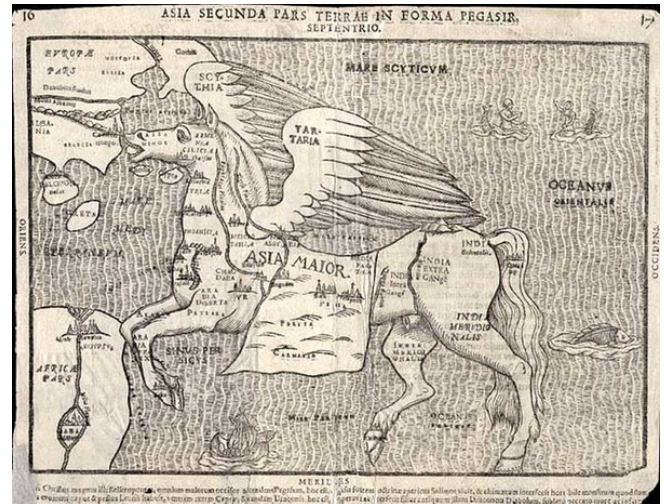
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Stock#: 0274
Map Maker: Bunting
Date: 1581
Place: Hanover
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 14 x 10 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A fascinating cartographic curiosity, which appeared in Protestant theologian Heinrich Bunting's *Itinerarium Sacrae Scripturae*, or *Travels According to the Scriptures*, first published in 1581. The work contained three maps of pure fantasy: the World in the form of a cloverleaf, Europe as a robed female figure, and Asia as Pegasus, the mythical winged horse. The horse is drawn in an anatomically correct fashion, such that the shape of Asia has been modified, with the Caspian Sea appearing horizontally between the wings and the saddle, and modern India is the off hind leg. The image of Asia as Pegasus derives from the story of Bellerophon, his rider, which took place largely in Asia.

Detailed Condition: