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## Britannia Prout Divisa fuit Temporibus Anglo-Saxonum, Praesertim Durante Illorum Heptarchia

**Stock#:** 0282  
**Map Maker:** Blaeu  
**Date:** 1645  
**Place:** Amsterdam  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 21.5 x 16.5 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

Spectacular full color example of this highly decorative map of Britain embellished with ornate scenes depicting the Saxon Kingdoms, based upon Speed's map of 1611. The two sets of vignettes on either side of the map were first incorporated by Speed in his Heptarchy map of 1611 and show historical scenes in Saxon history between 456 and 662 A.D. The vignettes have been completely redone by a Dutch engraver and are in the grand style of contemporary Dutch paintings. The left border contains portraits of the earliest kings, while the right one depicts later kings in the process of conversion to Christianity. Included is a scene of Ethelbert receiving instruction from Saint Augustine and another of Sebert re-consecrating the temples of Diana and Apollo, now St. Paul's London and St. Peters, Westminster. The map shows England divided into the various Saxon kingdoms, each decorated with its coat of arms. The kings are shown with their escutcheons and forces, or townships. A fine example in full color, the finest example of the map we have ever had. Shirley, Early Printed Maps of the British Isles. 549.

### Detailed Condition: