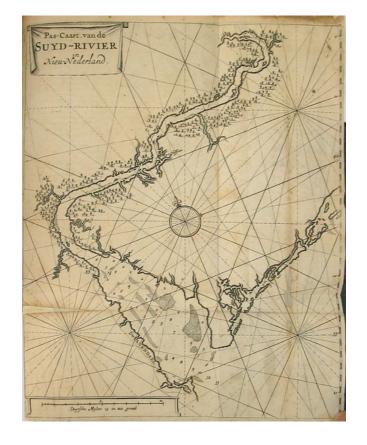## [Pas-Caart van de Suyd-Rivier in Nieu Nederland]

Stock#: 10147
Map Maker: De Vries

Date: 1655 circa
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 9.8 x 7.2 inches

Price: SOLD

Description:

The only known example of one of the earliest seperately published sea charts of the Delaware River and contiguous parts.

As noted by Burden:

This ... map of the Delaware River is the first to focus on the region and derives from de Vries' interests there. he was one of the founding patroons of the colony of Swanendael on the south shore of the Bay. This was short-lived attempt that was promptly wiped out by local Indians. The only other place noted is the Dutch Fort Nassouw . . . This was abandonded by the Dutch in 1651 for a better site on the western shore down river from the Swedish Fort Christina. . . . The culmination of these tussles led to the Dutch taking over the Swedish Colony in 1655. This map is by far the most accurate delineation of the River in print to date. Its definition of the shore line, inlest and rivers is remarkable. The future site of Philadelphia is readily

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identifie by the turn of the river and the parallel course to the Schuykill River . . .

The map is known to have survived in a single copy of de Vries' *Korte Historiael ende Journaels Aenteyckeninge van Verscheyden Voyagien*, pubished in Amsterdam in 1655, whic hwas acquired by us in 2004 and sold to a private collector. A copy of the book, with maps, is also known to have been in the Library of Prince Roland Bonaparte in teh early 1900s. It is certainly possible that the example we acquired in 2004 is the same example of the map.

Detailed Condition: