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Americae Sive Novi Orbis Nova Descriptio [English Edition!]

Stock#: 20830
Map Maker: Ortelius
Date: 1606
Place: Antwerp
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 19 x 14 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Old color example of the English edition of Ortelius' map of America.

Ortelius map of America is without doubt one of the most recognized and influential maps of America of the period. The map first appeared in the 1570 edition of Ortelius' *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum*. This example is state three, with the bulge in South America removed and additional sailing ships added in the Pacific Ocean and a cartouche has been added in North America. The map is most notable in that it is believed to be the first appearance of Chesapeake Bay on a map, appearing as an inlet just above an Indian name Wingandkoa, which reflects early English efforts at Colonization in the Outer Banks of the Carolinas. The nomenclature in California is also updated and improved. The map is one of the most influential maps of the 16th and early 17th Centuries, having had a profound impact on contemporary American Cartography. Ortelius' ability to locate and draw upon Spanish and Portuguese sources is apparent throughout the map, and remarkable, given the manner in which each nation guarded its cartographic information.

This example is from the rare English edition of Ortelius' atlas, published in 1606. Only 300 examples were published, with the map engraved in Antwerp and the text engraved in London.

Detailed Condition:

Old Color. The map has been deacidified and conserved to protect the old color. Minor cracking from greens and one small area of restoration near cartouche.