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Alten Stettin

Stock#: 23021
Map Maker: Braun & Hogenberg
Date: 1588
Place: Cologne
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 18 x 15 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Decorative view of the city of Szczecin in Poland (called Stettin for much of its history).

This city, a major port near the mouth of the Oder River, was an ancient settlement of considerable mercantile importance, joining the Hanseatic League in 1360. The city changed hands many times over the years, finally being assigned to Poland at the Potsdam Conference in 1945. This image shows the booming city from above, the Oder river teeming with ships and the major buildings and homes of the city clearly laid out and many labeled.

Designed as a companion to Ortelius' world atlas, Braun & Hogenberg's remarkable set of city plans and town views ultimately grew to six volumes by 1617, including over 500 city plans and views. It was one of the most important and lavish publications ever undertaken and among the greatest achievements in the history of cartography. The *Civitates*, was the world's first systematic city atlas. Its chief author was Georg Braun, canon of Cologne Cathedral, who gathered information from travellers, geographers and scholars throughout Europe and beyond. Franz Hogenberg, a friend and colleague of Mercator and Ortelius, was the main engraver, later succeeded by his son Abraham.

Detailed Condition:

Narrow margins.