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### Americae Sive Novi Orbis Nova Descriptio

**Stock#:** 25078  
**Map Maker:** Ortelius  
**Date:** 1609  
**Place:** Antwerp  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 19 x 14 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



#### Description:

Nice example of the third edition of Ortelius map of America is one of the most important and influential maps of America from the 16th Century. This example is from the 1609 Latin edition of Ortelius's atlas.

Ortelius' map first appeared in the 1570 edition of Ortelius' *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum*. Thereafter, the map went through three major revisions, as noted in Van Den Broecke. This third state of the map is most notable in that it is 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 from the two earlier states.

Ortelius' map is one of the most influential maps of the 16th and early 17th Centuries. The success of Ortelius' *Theatrum* meant that his map of America was one of the most widely circulated maps of America of the period and would have therefore had a profound impact on the European vision of America in the 16th Century. Ortelius' ability to locate and draw upon Spanish and Portuguese sources is apparent throughout the map and is quite remarkable, given the manner in which each nation guarded its cartographic information.

#### Detailed Condition:

Old Color. one spot in the Atlantic, but