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America noviter delineata Auct. Judoco Hondio . . . 1625 [Only Known Example!]

Stock#: 40012
Map Maker: Jansson
Date: 1625
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 22 x 16 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

The only known example of the 1625 state of Jansson's rare map of America, first issued in 1623.

As noted by Philip Burden in the Supplement to his *Mapping North of America to 1670*, the Hondius-Jansson map of America is a fascinating and until recently, under-appreciated rarity.

While at first blush the map appears similar to Blaeu's America, there are a number of differences. The Hondius-Jansson map includes inset views of North America, including the Poeiock Village in North Carolina & views of Carolina and St. Augustine. The peninsular California is retained, with the extended Northwest Coast including definitive place names north of 40 degrees.

The East Coast of North America is rich with Indian names. The polar region inset is derived from Blaeu's wall map of 1608, as are the towns illustrated along the top.

The map was originally intended to resemble the Jodocus Hondius Jr. map of America, first published in 1618 (Burden 192), but with the addition of Tierra del Fuego and a complete re-working of the costume views on the sides. It also included a set of views across the bottom of the map, which were removed very early in the printing history of the plate. Shortly after the plate was completed in 1623, the top right corner of the plate chipped off. After cataloging the map for the first volume of his work on North America, Burden learned of several new unrecorded states of the map, such that the history of the map is now believed to be as follows:

- State 1--1623: Henricus Hondius imprint only. No chip at top right corner (1 known example-- University of Leiden)



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- State 2--1623: Joannes Janssonius imprint added. No chip at top right corner (1 known example--British Library)
- State 3--1623 ca: Chip at top right corner
- State 4--1625: "excudit. 1625" added after Janssonius' name. Lower panels removed. (1 known example, this example--acquired in November 2014). German text on verso.
- State 5--1632: "excudit 1625" removed.

Burden surmises that this plate was made for Jansson and that the first several states of the map were proof states, all issued in short succession.

The other noteworthy aspect of this example of the map is that it includes for the first time, printed text on the verso, meaning that it significantly pre-dates the 4 known examples of Jansson's 1630 *Atlas Appendix*.

A fine dark impression of the only known example of this map.

Detailed Condition:

Wide margins. Fine dark impression. Minor marginal tears, repaired on verso.