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Hannoniae Comitatus Descriptio

Stock#: 41707
Map Maker: de Jode
Date: 1593
Place: Antwerp
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 14.5 x 20.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Nice example of De Jode's map of Hannoniae, from his *Speculum Orbis Terrarum*, which along with Ortelius' *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum* are the earliest modern atlases of the World.

The map covers a region in Southern Belgium, bordering with France, which includes Tournai, Ath, Mons, Charleroi, Dinant, etc., with Douai, Valenciennes, Maubeuge and Cambrai in France also appearing to the South. The illustration of the Ardenne Woods (Ardenna Silva), is interesting.

As noted by Burden:

In 1578 Gerard de Jode published his Speculum Orbis Terrarum, an atlas aimed at competing with the Theatrum of Ortelius. However, the latter had first been issued in 1570 and had already built a commanding market presence, and so despite de Jode's longer standing reputation the atlas did not sell very well. Only a dozen or so examples have survived. Undeterred, he made plans for another expanded edition, and upon his death in 1591 it was taken on by his son Cornelis. The Speculum Orbis Terrae of 1593 likewise did not sell well and was never reissued. Although more examples than the first edition have survived, it too is very scarce. Many of de Jode's maps are judged to be superior to those of Ortelius, both in detail and style.

Detailed Condition:

Decorative border cut at lower left corner.