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## Silesiae Ducatus Accuratissime Descriptus a Mart: Heilweg Neissense

**Stock#:** 54242  
**Map Maker:** Quad / Bussemachaer  
**Date:** 1600 circa  
**Place:** Cologne  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 8.5 x 11.5 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

Detailed map of Silesia, published in Cologne by Quad.

The map is centered on Breslau (Wrocław).

The map is based upon an earlier map by Martin Helweg (1516 - 1574) a German cartographer of and from Silesia and pedagogue. Helwig studied at the University of Wittenberg, where as a student of Martin Luther and Philip Melanchthon he earned the academic degree of Magister. In 1552, he became Rector of St. Maria Magdalena School in Breslau (now Wrocław, in Poland). Equally proficient in mathematics and geography as well as classical languages, he produced the first woodcut map of Silesia made on the basis of surveys and data collected from local inhabitants, which he published in 1561 under the title "Silesiae Typus", and dedicated to Nicolaus II. Rehdiger, a wealthy Silesian merchant, banker, philanthropist, governor and patron of the principality of Breslau (Wrocław) who sponsored the map. Martin Helwig's map went on to receive acclaim in a public writing by Caspar Peucer, an eminent German scholar at the University of Wittenberg, and was later republished in several versions of Abraham Ortelius's *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum*.

### Detailed Condition: