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## Asia Secunda Pars Terrae in Forma Pegasi [Asia in the Form of Pegasus]

**Stock#:** 57140  
**Map Maker:** Bunting  
**Date:** 1581 circa  
**Place:** Hannover  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 14.5 x 11 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

Nice example of Bunting's map of Asia in the shape of the mythical winged horse Pegasus.

The horse is drawn fairly realistically, with a good deal of imagination required to view the map. The head represents Asia Minor, with the mouth at Istanbul. The wings portray Central Asia and Siberia. The Caspian Sea appears horizontally between the wings and the saddle. Persia is delineated on the horse's blanket, with the forelegs forming Arabia. The hind legs represent the Indian and Malay Peninsulas.

The map is among the earliest representations of a land mass in the form of an animal (or human).

### Detailed Condition:

Minor loss of text along lower blank margin and one part of lower right corner restored in facsimile.