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Pomeraniae, Wandalicae Regionis Typ [with] Livoniae Nova Descriptio [with] Ducatus Oswieczensis, et Zatoriensis, Descriptio

Stock#: 66721
Map Maker: Ortelius

Date: 1609
Place: Antwerp
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 19.5 x 15 inches

Price: Not Available



Description:

Ortelius' Maps of the Southern Coasts of the Baltic Sea

Finely-colored example of Abraham Ortelius' maps of Pomerania, Livonia, and part of what is today Poland, from Ortelius's famed *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum*.

The maps, split into three insets, show lands on the coast of the Baltic Sea. Pomerania covered north-eastern Germany and northern Poland, while Livonia refers to what today is Estonia and Latvia. The third inset, in the bottom right, shows the Duchy of Auschwitz and Zator.

All three maps were engraved on the same plate and published as part of Ortelius' influential *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum,* the first modern atlas. They first appeared in the atlas in 1573. Over time, two of the three maps were altered, resulting in each having its own states:

- The map of Pomerania has two states. The second (from 1588) is differentiated from the first by increased stippling around "Balticum Mare" and "Codanus sinus" in the seas. This map drew on Münster's work of 1550, which was based on Peter Artopæus.
- The map of Livonia has three states. In the second state (ca. 1587-8), stippling was added in the seas around labels, and especially in the lake "Curisch haff." For the third state, several place names were added between 1595-8. These include: "Vpzul -> Vclzul", "Trenden ->Treyden", "Teckaten - Treckaten", WALMER ->WOLMER, "Buitnick -> Bortnick, Rugen -> Royen, Pebalgi -> Tebalgi, Karijhaus-> Karkhaus, Pardaw-> Parnaw". This map draws on the work of Johannes Portantius, as

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stated on the map, and it also might draw on the lost map of Livonia by Marcus Ambrosius and Caspar Henneberger.
- The map of Oswieczens (Auschwitz) only appeared in one state. It was based on the work of Stanislaw Porebski (1563), which was published by Bertelli in Venice.

This example includes a first state of the Pomerania and Livonia maps.

Detailed Condition: