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Ducatus Osroiczensis et Zatoriensis descriptio

Stock#: 68241
Map Maker: Ortelius
Date: 1655 circa
Place: Italy
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 4 x 3 inches
Price: \$ 125.00



Description:

An attractive antique map of the region around the headwaters of the Vistula, in south-central Poland. Accompanying text describes the outflow of another of the great rivers of Europe, the Danube.

The towns of Zatoriensis [Zator] and Osroiczensis [Oswiecim] give their name to the title of this map and other prominent cities of the region can be located, including present-day Bielsko-Biala and Skoczow. The Duchy of Oswiecim dates back to the fragmentation of Poland in the 14th century, and it was split into several smaller duchies, including the Duchy of Zator in 1445. The Duchies would be rejoined with Poland shortly after, and these lands would remain Polish until the First Partition in 1772.

Oswiecim is, of course, most famous for its eponymous concentration camp, taken from the German



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translation of its name Auschwitz. The death camps would be located just west of the city, across a small branch of the Vistula.

This work appeared in the unauthorized Italian version of Ortelius's *Epitome*, the *Theatro del Mondo*. This was first printed in 1598, then subsequently at least seven times between 1655 and 1724, well after Ortelius's own *Epitome* ceased to be published. These later editions had several printers, including Turrini, Banca, Curti, and Lovisa.

Detailed Condition:

Some minor toning. See-through to text on verso.