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## Nova et Accurata Poli Arctici et terrarum Circum Iacentium Descriptio

**Stock#:** 73961  
**Map Maker:** Jansson / Valk & Schenk  
**Date:** 1640 circa  
**Place:** Amsterdam  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 20.5 x 16 inches  
**Price:** \$ 1,100.00



### Description:

#### *Scarce Late State.*

Nice example of the Valk and Schenk edition of Jansson's second map of the North Polar regions, with several wonderful cartouches.

A fine decorative map of the North Polar regions, including Arctic North America, Scandinavia, and northern Asia. The information for this map is based on the discoveries of James, Barentsz, Baffin, Frobisher, Hall, Davis, and others and is very similar in appearance to Blaeu's map.

The map incorporates the discoveries of James along the southern and western shore of Hudson's Bay in 1631-32 and promotes the view that the famous "Northwest Passage" across northern North America did not exist. The map's detail would suggest the existence of a Northeast Passage as the coastline appears intact and the sea clear and without any barrier to progress. The Canadian Arctic waters, however, appear almost landlocked lacking any promise of a northwest route to the Indies.

This late edition of the map makes important changes to the cartography of the Arctic. For instance, Nova Zemlaya is substantially modified, with a strange isthmus connecting it to the Russian mainland. Spitsbergen is more fully formed, as well.

### Detailed Condition:

Scattered minor soiling.