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### [Holy Roman Empire] Carte Heraldique Representant Les Armes De L'Empereur Des Electeurs Des Princes Tant Ecclesiastiques Que Seculiers et de Tous Etats Du Saint Empire Romain

**Stock#:** 74932op  
**Map Maker:** Chatelain  
**Date:** 1720  
**Place:** Paris  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 39 x 19.5 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



#### Description:

Finely colored heraldic plate illustrating the coats of arms of the various parts of the Holy Roman Empire.

The image is centered on the arms of the Holy Roman Emperor, with the arms of the 9 electors surrounding the central image and nearly 200 additional coats of arms.

#### Chatelain's Atlas Historique

This image appeared on Chatelain's monumental 7 volume *Atlas Historique*, one of the most expansive Dutch encyclopedias of the age. First published in 1705, Chatelain's *Atlas Historique* was an immense seven-volume encyclopedic work. Its main focus was geography, the maps were accompanied by information pertaining to cosmography, geography, history, chronology, genealogy, topography, heraldry, and costumes of the world. The text was compiled by Nicholas Gueudeville and Garillon with a supplement by H.P. de Limiers and the maps were engraved by Chatelain.

The maps in the *Atlas Historique* were mainly based on those of the French cartographer, Guillaume De L'Isle, but also utilizing some several highly important maps by Nicolas De Fer and other important French mapmakers. In addition to the maps, the plates are drawn from important travel accounts of the period, such as those of Dapper, Chardin, de Bruyn, Le Hay and others.

New scholarship has suggested the compiler of the atlas, who is identified on the title as "Mr. C\*\*\*", may be Henri Abraham Châtelain, but Zacharie Châtelain. (See Van Waning's article in the Journal of the International Map Collectors' Society for persuasive evidence of the latter's authorship.).



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The first edition of the seven volume work was printed between 1705 and 1720. The publishing history thereafter is quite complex, with all volumes except volume 7 republished in at least 2 editions between 1732 and 1739.

**Detailed Condition:**

2-sheets joined.