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Galliae Regni Potentis, Nova Descriptio, Auctore Francisco Hogenbergio

Stock#: 75188
Map Maker: Hogenberg
Date: 1583
Place: n.p. (Cologne)
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 20 x 14 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Very rare antique engraved map of France by Frans Hogenberg, prepared for separate publication in Cologne in 1583.

The map is an engraved reduction of the four-sheet woodblock map of France (1570) by Guillaume Postel that was itself an improvement on the one (1560) by Jean Jolivet. The latter's wall map of France was issued in several editions from 1560 onwards and was often copied (cf. Van Den Broecke Ort 34). Much work on French cartography had been done between 1560 and 1583, when the present map was made, and there is a substantial improvement here from say, the Ortelius map of France from 1570. Hogenberg probably compiled information from more sources than just Postel, such as Finaeus, de Jode (1578), etc.

This, like much of Hogenberg's work, was either initially conceived as a map for Abraham Ortelius, or as a separate publication to be issued outside of Antwerp. Ortelius evidently had an issue supplanting his first map of France (first issued in 1570), as a possible successor map (Van Den Broecke 35) was not formally included in any atlas, and appears only very rarely. If the same is true of the present map, it may be the case that Ortelius had difficulty obtaining permission to print Postel's map. It was not until 1606, after Ortelius's death, that Vrients would find a map of France to replace the first plate.

Detailed Condition:

Trimmed to neatline on all sides.