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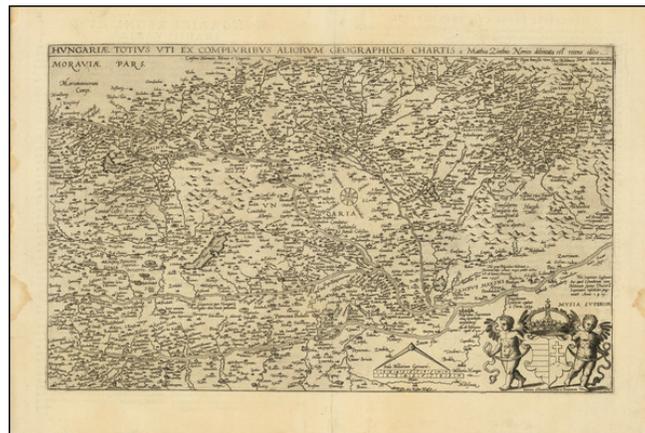
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Hungariae totius uti ex compluribus aliorum geographicis chartis

Stock#: 75601
Map Maker: de Jode
Date: 1578
Place: Antwerp
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 19.25 x 11.75 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

The Most Exact Contemporary Copy of Perhaps The Most Important Early Map of Hungary, All Examples of Which are Thought to be Destroyed

Rare 1578 first edition of the de Jode family's map of Hungary, showing the flow of the Danube and a great deal of place names, geographical features, and other points of interest. The map includes the coats of arms of Hungary, being born by two cherubs.

This map was based on the 1552-53 partial map of Hungary produced by Augustin Hirschvogel, which was left uncompleted due to his untimely death. The map was to serve as an updated version of the roughly-outlined earlier Lazarus map. This map is at present unknown--the last traced was destroyed at the Breslau Library during the Second World War. Photo-facsimiles of the map reveal that this original map is a woodcut printed on twelve sheets, forming a huge map. This map was drawn on and copied by Ortelius and de Jode for their respective atlases.

Comparison of the Ortelius and de Jode maps shows that Ortelius reduces the region shown, while de Jode utilizes the full area depicted in Hirschvogel's edition. Ortelius omits the regions of Bacska, Banat, Sirmivir, and Serbia. Both later editions also orient the map to the north, as opposed to Hirschvogel's southwards orientation. De Jode also includes more of the toponyms which are visible but unreadable on the photo facsimile of Hirschvogel's map. As such, this contemporary copy is of great importance to Hungarian collectors as the best-surviving reproduction of Hirschvogel's map.

Detailed Condition:

Minor dampstain in lower left and right margins.