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**(Basel, Switzerland and southern Germany) Basiliensis Territorii Descriptio Nova [with]
Circulus Sive Liga Suevia Vulgo Schwabische Kraiss**

Stock#: 78298
Map Maker: Ortelius
Date: 1584
Place: Antwerp
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 19.5 x 12.5 inches
Price: Not Available



Description:

Two detailed antique regional maps of parts of Switzerland and southern Germany by Ortelius, from his *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum*, the first modern atlas. The maps are splendidly decorated and ornate, with cities shown pictorially and decorative cartouches and title banners.

The first map shows the region around Basel, in Switzerland, based upon the work of Sebastian Munster in his 1538 map of the region. Munster was originally from Basel, making his map the most definitive map that Ortelius had access to.

The second map shows the region bounded by the Bodensee, the Rhine, and Augsburg, and the map is centered on the Danube. Lake Constance, the Romance name for the Bodensee, is shown with its eponymous city that bridges both sides of the lake. Detail extends as far away as Strasburg, making this a useful map of southern Germany at the time.

Detailed Condition:

Loss in upper right corner. Minor marginal tears, including one into the image in the right side of the map. Latin text on verso.