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Le Royaume D'Angleterre divise dans les sept Roaumes ou Heptarchies des Anglois=Saxons. . .

Stock#: 79466
Map Maker: Sanson
Date: 1660 circa
Place: Paris
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 20 x 16 inches
Price: \$ 395.00



Description:

Very attractive map of England and Wales, published by the prolific French engraver Nicolas Sanson in the middle of the 17th century. This historical map fantastically shows the Heptarchy period of the British Isles, the early Anglo-Saxon division of southern Great Britain.

Existing from the 5th to the 8th centuries, the Heptarchy represents the seven Anglo-Saxon kingdoms of England, most of which have later given their names to British regions. The main kingdoms were East Anglia, Essex, Kent, Sussex, Wessex, Mercia, and Northumbria, with several additional minor kingdoms also existing. The relative powers of these nations changed frequently, with an early domination of Kent in the 6th century giving way to Northumbria and Wessex in the 7th century. In the 8th century, the heptarchy was consolidated into four surviving kingdoms.

This map colors regions according to the region they belong to. The names of modern cities are given. Parts of Scotland, Ireland, France, and the Isle of Man are visible.

Detailed Condition:

Original hand-color in outline. Minor fold toning.