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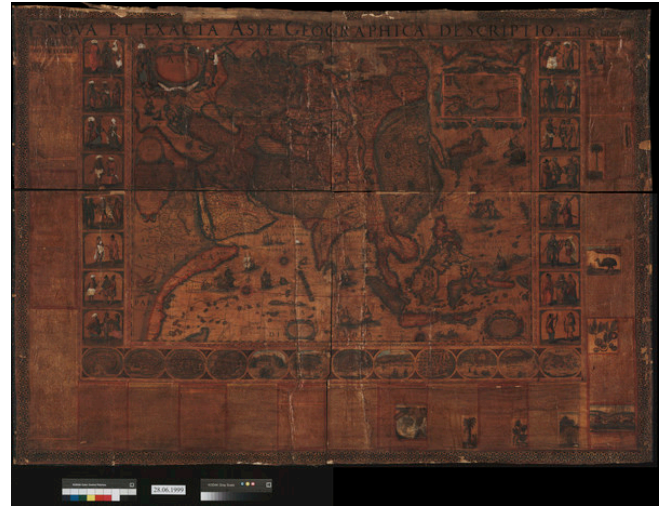
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Nova et Exacta Asiae Geographica Descriptio, auc: G: Ianssonio.

Stock#: 80894
Map Maker: Blaeu
Date: 1612
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition:
Size: 51.75 x 71 inches
Price: Reference



Description:

Rarity & States

In Volume V of *Monumenta Cartographica Neerlandica* (page 80), Schilder proposes two candidate examples as possible first states of the 1608 Blaeu Asia; one in Switzerland (described thusly "Rittersaalverein, Burgdorf (Switzerland; mounted and stored in a paneled wooden locker)") and one at the BnF in Paris ("[Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris \(Ge C 4930 \[ex Klaproth Collection, no. 745\]; mounted\)](#)"). Both of these examples are comprised of only the four central cartographic sheets, having previously lost their side panels and text sheets. Per Schilder's census, there is only one known complete example of a Blaeu edition, dated 1612 in the imprint line in the far lower-right, at the Sächsisches Hauptstaatsarchiv, Dresden (Schr. II, Mappe 32 b, Nr. 3).

Sometime after 1612 but before 1625, the plates were acquired by Henricus Hondius, who published them in 1624. In that edition, the text has been reset and the imprint line changed, but the geographical plates appear to have been untouched. This raises an interesting point with respect to the Swiss and French examples noted by Schilder under his entry for the first state; if they lack side panels, it cannot be said if they were printed in 1608, 1612, or indeed 1624 by Hondius. Therefore, prior to the discovery of the present map, there was only one definitely attributable Blaeu edition of the map in the world, the example at the Sächsisches Hauptstaatsarchiv in Dresden.

A further piece of internal evidence suggests that no known copies of the map were printed in 1608; all known examples of the map have an inset of Arctic the caption for which makes reference to the Dutch expeditions there in 1594, '95, and '96 (Barentsz), as well as the expedition of 1609 (Henry Hudson).



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A later state by Nicolaas Visscher is known in three examples. Schilder also notes two other Visscher states, one of which is known from a now-destroyed example, the other of which is hypothesized based on external evidence.

Detailed Condition: