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(Switzerland) Helvetiae Descriptio Aegidio Tschudo Auct. . . .

Stock#: 87932
Map Maker: Ortelius
Date: 1603
Place: Antwerp
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 18 x 13.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Nice color example of Ortelius' map of Switzerland, from his *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum*, the first modern atlas of the world.

The map shows the region orientated with south at the top of the map, effectuating a reversal of normal cartography. Lake Geneva, "Lemanus Lacus" is to the right of the map, and Geneva is shown near there. The many other Alpine lakes are shown and named, as are rivers. The Rhine enters Switzerland near the center of the map before reaching its headwaters above the Acronius Lacus (Obersee). Detail extends southwards (to the top of the map) into Lombardy and southern France.

The map is based on the second edition of the Aegidius Tschudi map of the region, published by Konrad Wolfhart in 1560. Ortelius also mentions as his additional sources general maps of Switzerland by Adelbergus Sauracher and Johann Stumpf, as well as regional map of Wallis by Joannes Schalbeter and Zurich by Josias Murer.

States

This is the second state of the map, with the additional place names around Lake Geneva, which first appeared in 1584.

Detailed Condition:

Nice, wide margins. Some even toning. Small tear along lower centerfold, well away from image. The



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typesetting on the verso indicates that the map is from the 1603L72 (300 copies printed) or 1609/1612L76 (300 copies printed) editions.