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[Atlas]

Stock#: 94214
Map Maker: Danckerts
Date: 1690 - 1692
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 12.25 x 20.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare Early Danckerts Family Atlas

A nice example of this rare world atlas, with 29 double-page engraved maps, primarily the work of renowned cartographer Justus Danckerts, with two contributions from his son Theodorus. Published in Amsterdam in about 1690, this atlas provides an attractive, concise summary of the Dutch geographical knowledge and cartographic style of the late 17th century.

The Danckerts family were prominent print and map sellers active in Amsterdam for nearly a century. Between the years 1680 and 1700 a number of atlases were produced with maps bearing the names Justus or Theodorus Danckerts. These are now very rare and, as the title pages and maps are undated or not present (as here), it is difficult, if not impossible, to place any map against any particular edition. Wardington noted that all Danckerts atlases are rare, and we note that the last entry for a Danckerts atlas in RBH was a German sale in 2013 (as of 2023). This example bears the family shop address as "tot Amsterdam Bij Justus Danckers in de Calverstraet inde Dancbaerheijt".

From the broad scope of the world and continents to the more focused regional maps such as "Nova Belgii", these maps offer an intricate depiction of both known and newly explored regions. The "Nova Belgii" map (Burden 434, 2nd of 3 states, circa 1684, possibly pushing back Koeman's date for the atlas a few years), in particular, is noteworthy for its depiction of the northeastern region of North America, reflecting Dutch colonial interests, which had begun to wane in that region following the Second and then Third Anglo-Dutch Wars.

The atlas's structure and indexing show a careful curation and organization. The progression from global to regional maps underscores a deliberate intent to guide readers from a broad understanding to a more



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nuanced view of specific areas. The inclusion of the world and continents, along with the map of the Northeast, also suggests a strategic emphasis on areas of significant Dutch interest and influence during this period.

Koeman records this as Dan 2, circa 1680, (Volume 2, page 91):

The index lists 30 items, of which 29 are maps. All but two are by Justus Danckerts. These two are by Theodorus. The contents closely resembles the former edition with 26 maps [i.e., Dan 1]. The atlas must have been composed shortly after the first edition.

Gyuri Danku and Zoltán Sümeghy date this early version of the atlas at 1690-1692, although erroneously noting 30 maps, rather than 29 + the title page, as described in the printed index present in this example.

Rarity

Koeman lists an incomplete example in the British Library, a copy with 31 maps in the Krakow, Library Ac. of Science, and a copy in the British Museum.

We note only 3 Danckerts atlases at auction in the past 20 years.

Transcription of the Contents

1. Atlas.
2. Nova Orbis Tabula.
3. America.
4. Africa.
5. Asia.
6. Europa.
7. Portugalia.
8. Hispania.
9. Gallia.
10. Italia, Corsica, & Sardinia.
11. Sabaudia, Pedemontium, & Montisferratium, Mediolanensis, Genuensis.
12. Helvetia.
13. Germania.
14. Rhenus Fluvius.
15. Lotharingia & Alsacia.
16. Leodiensis, Colonensis.



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17. Circulus Saxonicus.
18. Germania Inferior.
19. Hollandia Comitatus.
20. Ultrajectum Dominium.
21. Anglia, Scotia, & Hibernia.
22. Dania Regnum.
23. Suecia, & Norvegia.
24. Polonia, & Duc. Lithuania, Volhinia, Podolia, Ukrania, Prussia, Curlandia.
25. Hungaria.
26. Hungaria & Graecia.
27. Morea.
28. Russia, vulgo Moscovia.
29. Turcicum Imperium.
30. Nova Belgica, & Pensilvania.

Detailed Condition:

Folio. Later ¼ calf over marbled boards, endpapers renewed. Engraved title ("Atlas") and 29 hand-colored engraved double-page maps, as called for in the contents. (Extensive professional restoration, largely confined to neat repairs of edge tears, in some cases full remargining, as with the Novi Belgii map; the maps cleaned, some with tears in the image repaired, but without any substantial loss of printed image.)