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(Poitou, France) Poictou. Pictonum Vicinarum Que Regionum Fidiss Descriptio . . .

Stock#: 95961
Map Maker: Bouguereau / Le Clerc
Date: 1619 circa
Place: Paris
Color: Uncolored
Condition: Good
Size: 19.5 x 14 inches
Price: \$ 345.00



Description:

Rare map of Poiteau that originally appeared in Maurice Bouguereau's and Jean Leclerc's *Le Theatre Francoys*, a book considered to be the first national atlas of France.

The map initially introduces the region it shows as "Poictou," and credits the now-lost map of Pierre Roger as its source (although it is, in fact, based on the Ortelius map). It is highly detailed, with many cities and towns named. Forests, rivers, and cities are shown pictorially.

The map is embellished with two title cartouches. The sea is attractively stippled, and the map itself is decoratively presented.

Le Theatre Francoys

This very rare volume is understood to be the first national atlas of France. Published in Tours during the French king's exile from Paris, this work reunites maps of northern and central France.

Many of the maps in the volume are copied from earlier Ortelius and Mercator sources, although some, particularly in the region around Tours, are original maps. These maps would be reused by later authors, including Hondius, Blaeu, and Jansson. All the maps in the text are engraved by Tavernier.

The volume suffered from a lack of spatial completeness, with much of the south of France lacking any coverage. While Bouguereau put a plea for more maps in his introduction, subsequent, more complete editions of this work would not be published until well into the 17th century. The first complete edition



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would appear in 1642 under the name *Theatre Geographique due Royaume de France*.

States

This is the first state of the map, with a blank verso indicating a date of circa 1619 (following its first issue in 1594). The title cartouche was later re-engraved with Leclerc's name replacing Bouguereau's.

Detailed Condition:

Crisp, dark impression. Blank verso. Some soiling and dampstainig. Some chips throughout the edges. Worming in the lower left and lower right. Lower left corner torn and reattached.