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[Eastern Hemisphere Globe Gores.] (Nova et integra universi Orbis descriptio)

Stock#: 54480
Map Maker: Oterschaden
Date: 1600 circa
Place: Strasbourg
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 10.5 x 10.5 inches
Price: \$ 6,500.00



Description:

Extremely rare set of 6 globe gores, comprising the Eastern Hemisphere of Johann Oterschaden's rare work.

The gores depict the world based upon the cartographic details prevailing in about 1540 to 1550.

Among the more noteworthy features of the gores are:

- *Hemispherium Lusitanor et Portug.* is the title shown southeast of the southern tip of Africa (a reference to the Treaty of Tordesillas).
- Massive Taprobana is shown (Sumatra), opposite the coast of "Malacha"
- The names *Pigmei Finlapia* and *Pilapia* appear in the modern Finland.

An Early Discovery of Australia?

Perhaps the most significant detail on the map relates to the discovery of a southern continent in 1499. The words *Terra nondum Plene cognita Inventa Ao. 1499* are shown in the southern (Antarctic) continent (Translation: Land not yet fully known, recently found 1499).



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These words would seem to derive from the Oronce Finaeus world map of 1531 and the "Paris Wooden Globe" of 1535 and the Hartmann Globe Gores of 1535 (Shirley 72). The inscription also appears on Caspar Volpel's globe gores of 1536 (Shirley 73). In his book *The Discovery of Australia . . .*, George Collingridge attributes this phrase as confirmation of the discovery of the Australian continent. Referencing the nearly identical globe gores of Willem Nicolai referenced below, Collingridge states at page 88:

The legend--Terra nondum plene cognita, Inventa Ao. 1499-- is set down in a more correct position than on the Paris wood globe of 1535, and to the west of it, on the margin of the Australian Continent, may be noticed the inscription Brasilia Regio and Psitacorum terra.

While Collingridge's theory received endorsements in the following decades, modern writers have generally rejected his conclusion that the Portuguese discovered Australia in the late 15th Century.

Dating The Gores

Elements of Oterschaden's geography almost certainly derive from Francois Demongenet's terrestrial globe of 1560, both were in Southern France, Demongenet in Vejoul in Franche Comté. In addition, a copper engraved globe diameter 21 cm ascribed to Christoph Schlepp, 'the Welserglobus' now in Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris is almost identical with Oterschaden. (see Fauser *Die Welt in Haunen*, 1967 pp 68-71.) It seems likely that a group of globe makers in France, Germany and Leiden namely Oterschaden, Schniepp, and Willem Nicolai were using a similar source of geography.

The gores have been dated 1603 because of their similarity to the gores of Willem Nicolai (Shirley 241), which bear the date 1603, although it is not known which gores were engraved earlier. Shirley notes that the work also resembles the globe of Christoff Schniepp, published in Augsburg in about 1600.

The title is on the sheet not present (*Nova et integra universi Orbis descriptio*), as is the signature of the maker (Joanes Oterschaden Belga) and dedication to the Bishop of Cominges, who occupied his see from 1580 to 1613.

Rarity

Oterschaden's globe gores and globes are extremely rare. A single incomplete set of gores was offered at auction in 2003, but no complete sets have appeared at auction or in printed dealer catalogs.

Shirley located 3 copies (Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam; Schloss Wolfegg Collection and Hispanic Society of

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America. OCLC locates copies at the Bibliotheque Nationale de France, University of Leiden and Zurich Central Library.

Detailed Condition:

Some abrasions southeast of India and in Portugal. Minor staining.