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(17th Century Bern) Nova et Compendiosa Inclÿtae Urbis et Agri Bernensis descriptio Geographica

Stock#: 75206
Map Maker: Plepp
Date: 1638
Place: Bern, Switzerland
Color: Uncolored
Condition: Good
Size: 23 x 16 inches
Price: \$ 3,500.00



Description:

The Most Important Map of 17th Century Bern

Highly important map of the old Bern region, prior to the revolt of Vaud in the early 18th Century, created by Bernese painter, architect and mapmaker Joseph Plepp.

Engraved in Bern, Plepp's map is drawn largely from the 18 sheet wall map of Thomas Schoepf, published in 1577-1578. However, Plepp has significantly refined and improved Schoepf's work in several areas and added an original view of the City of Bern from the South.

The map is oriented with south at the top - placing Geneva in the upper-right corner, which was then part of Bern, prior to the 1723 revolt led by Major Abraham Davel, which led to the independence of the French speaking Vaud region from the German speaking Bern region.

Zug is in the upper-left corner, just under the scale of miles, with Lucerne seemingly being covered by the scale. Bern, the focus of the map, is just to the left of center. A bird's-eye view of the city is inset in the lower-right corner. The whole is surrounded by a border of coats of arms.

Rarity

The map is very rare. We have been unable to locate any examples coming to market at auction or in dealer catalogs in the past 50 years.



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OCLC locates several examples in Swiss and German Libraries.

Detailed Condition:

Two sheets, joined. Backed on old paper at an early date stabilizing some small tears, abrasions, printer's creases, etc.