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## La Florida Auctore Hieron Chiaves . . .

**Stock#:** 49454  
**Map Maker:** Ortelius  
**Date:** 1608  
**Place:** Antwerp  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 9 x 6 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

#### *The First Separately Printed Map of Florida!*

Decorative example of Ortelius' seminal map of Florida, from Ortelius' *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum*.

This is one map of the three, which originally appeared on a single sheet.

A rare map of North America to be based upon Spanish sources, specifically Geronimo de Chaves, the Royal Cosmographer to Philip II of Spain. One of the earliest maps to show internal detail, based upon the findings of Hernando de Soto, as recorded by Gonzalo de Oviedo. This is the earliest regional mapping of the South and Southeast. The map provided the foundation cartography for the region, especially the river systems.

The map first appeared in the 1584 Latin edition of Ortelius' *Theatrum*. The Peru map depicts the regions conquered by the Spaniards in 1531-33 in today's Central America and most of northern South America. Guasteca shows a portion of east-central Mexico along the Gulf of the Mexico coastline. The material was drawn from the Casa de Contratacion, one of the earliest examples of the dissemination of Spanish cartographic information from the New World.

To view a 1.5 minute video description of this map by map collector Thomas Touchton, click here:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_D3fapkxRH0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_D3fapkxRH0)

### Detailed Condition: