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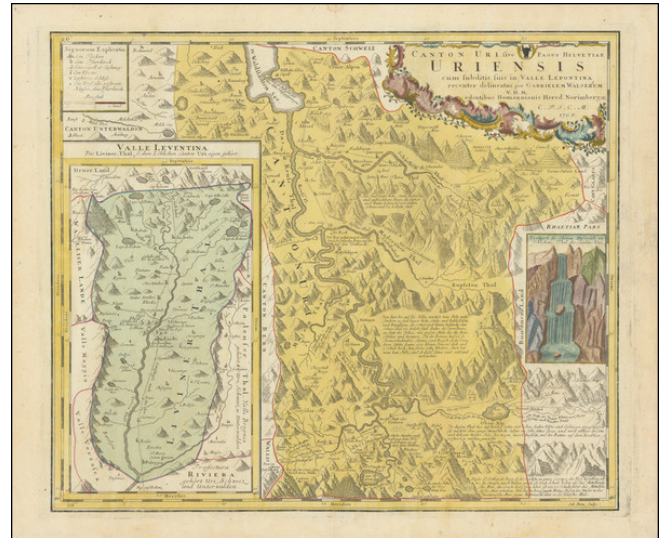
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**Canton Uri Sive Pagus Helvetiae Uriensis cum subditis suis in Valle Lepontina recenter
delineatus per Gabrielle Walserum V.D.M. . . . 1768**

Stock#: 97095
Map Maker: Walser / Homann Heirs
Date: 1768
Place: Nuremberg
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 22 x 18.5 inches
Price: \$ 575.00



Description:

The 1768 Map of Canton Uri and Valle Leventina: A Geographic and Historical Examination

This remarkable map offers an intricate portrayal of Canton Uri and its surrounding regions. Crafted by Gabriel Walser, it provides a geographic and historical window into this central part of Switzerland.

The topography of the map reveals the pronounced Alpine mountains, indicative of the region's rugged terrain. These peaks, particularly the Uri Alps, play a crucial role in defining the landscape and climate of the area. The depicted rivers, including the Reuss River, are essential not just as water sources but also as key transportation and trade routes. The bridges spanning these rivers, some of the most notable being the Devil's Bridge, signify vital connectivity points in this rugged terrain. The high Alpine lakes, especially Lake Lucerne (shown here at its southern tip), underscore the region's natural beauty and its importance as a hub for trade, transport, and fishing.

A significant addition to the map is the inset detailing Valle Leventina. This valley, located to the south of Uri, is strategically positioned leading to the Saint Gotthard Pass, one of the primary mountain passes in the Alps. Valle Leventina has its network of towns, roads, and rivers, most notably the Ticino River. The visual portrayal of the waterfall in the Schachen valley - "des schonen wasserfalls im schachen thal des Cantons uri" - provides a geographic marker, emphasizing the region's rich hydrological features.

Altdorf stands out prominently on the map. As the capital of Uri, it has been historically significant for



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centuries. Its proximity to Lake Lucerne and the Reuss River made it an important trade and administrative center. Flüelen, situated on the southern tip of Lake Lucerne, is the other notable town. Its position made it a vital port and a nexus for goods and people moving in and out of the Canton.

The history of Canton Uri is intrinsically tied to the early formation of Switzerland. Uri, alongside Schwyz and Unterwalden, were the initial members of the Swiss confederation in 1291. This Eternal Alliance was a defensive pact against external threats and internal strife. Uri's geographical position made it crucial in controlling the Gotthard Pass, a critical route for trade between northern and southern Europe. By the time this map was crafted in 1768, Uri had witnessed several pivotal events. The 15th and 16th centuries saw Uri expanding its territories, including parts of Valle Leventina.

Detailed Condition: