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Stock#: 0181
Map Maker: Jansson
Date: 1636 /1700 ??
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 22 x 18.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A nice example of the late 17th or early 18th Century Italian reproduction of Jansson's map of North America. The most obvious source of the the hoax is the attribution in the lower cartouche to Henricum Hondium Anno 1631, 2 years after Hondius' death. On close inspection, the map is clearly a different engraving than the map first engraved by Jansson in 1636. Burden refers to the map as one of the most important early maps of North America, drawing heavily from Briggs map of 1626. An unnamed lake still feeds a Rio de Norto flowing southwest into the Sea of Cortez. The Gulf of Mexico and Florida are based upon Hessel Gerritsz map of 1631. The east coast draws from a number of sources. Jamestown is shown. Novum Belgium is unlike prior maps between the Delaware and Hudson, being greatly elongated. New Amsterdam is not shown, but Ft. Orange is located. The placenames in New England are based upon John Smith's map of 1616. The Gulf of St. Lawrence appears to follow De Laet. The map is richly decorated with ships, sea monsters and animals in the interior parts of North America. The reason for the reproduction is unknown, but the map often sparks a lively debate among those who would wish it to pre-date the 1636 edition. Laid down on a heavy board, else a nice example. A gorgeous late 17th Century image--with a marvelous history of intrigue and deceit!

Detailed Condition: