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(Atlas of Europe) *Europae Totius Orbis Terrarum Partis praestanissimae universalis et particularis descriptio*

Stock#: 102628
Map Maker: Bussemachaer
Date: 1592
Place: Cologne
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 13.5 x 9.75 inches
Price: \$ 19,500.00



Description:

An Extremely Rare Cologne School Atlas of Europe.

In Vibrant Original Hand-Color.

This atlas of Europe by Matthias Quad, published by Johann Bussemacher in 1592, contains 40 maps of Europe and is a fantastic presentation of Cologne School cartography.

In the last decades of the 16th century, publishers and mapmakers in Cologne made a concerted effort to compete with the more prolific and successful cartographic output from the Low Countries, namely Antwerp. This effort resulted in Braun & Hogenberg's famous *Civitates Orbis Terrarum* and many wonderful but smaller and less well-known atlases such as the present work.

Maps

The maps in this atlas are densely and attractively engraved; some bear dates between 1589 and '92; some were engraved and signed by Henricus Nagel; Bussemacher's name is on many. A list of the maps follows.

1. Europa
2. Germaniae Nonvera Minus Quam Compendiosa Descriptio Teutschalndt.
3. Angliae regni florenissimi nova descriptio, auctore Humeredo Lhuyd Denbygiense
4. Scotiae Tabula
5. Regni Hispaniae post omium editiones locupletissima descriptio
6. Portugalliae que olim Lusitania, novissima et exactissima description Auctore Vernando Alvaro Secco, Johann bussmecher excudit Col.



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7. Franciae accurata description. Franckreich mit seinen orentzen.
8. Burgundiae Inferioris Quae Ducatus Nomine Censetur Desc.
9. Flandia Galliae Belgicae provincia celeberrima continent in longitudine militaria flandrica 31, in latitudine vero 20...
10. Brabantiae Belgarum provinciae recens exactaque descriptio.
11. Namurcum cum Adiacentibus Regionibus Descr.
12. Lutzenbergensis Montuosissimi ac Saltuosissimi Ducatus vera et compendiosa descriptio nunquam antehac visa
13. Trier
14. Lotharingiae Ducatus Superioris vera delineatio
15. Zelandicarum insularum exactissima et nova descriptio, auctore D. jacobo a Daventria
16. Hollandiae quae olim Batavia antiqua Catthorum sedes, undique fere cingitur Mari, praeterquam qua Rheno et Mosa fluminibus ad Orientem et Meridiem a continenti seiungitur...
17. En tibi, amice Lector, nobilis ille clarusque Ducatus Geldraie cum omnibus eius limitibus,...
18. Elsatia Superior. Ober Elsas.
19. Alsatia Inferior Under Elsas
20. Frisiae antiquissimae trans rhenu provinc. et adiacentium regionum nova et exacta descriptio
21. Groningensis Agri Vera Descriptio
22. Habes hic candide lector exactam Westphaliae descriptionem, ...
23. Waldeck Comitatus
24. Thietmarsiae Holsaticae regionis partis typus Auctore Petro Boeckel
25. Daniae Regni Typus
26. Saxonum regionis quatenus eius gentis imperium olim patebat, recens germanaque delineatio, ...
27. Mansfeldiae Comitatus descriptio Auctore Tilemanno Stella Sig.
28. Misniae et Lusatiae Tabula Descripta a M. Bartholomeo Sculteto Gorlitz
29. Bohemie longitudo latitudoque pene par, nam totudam facie ex circumiacentibus motibus accipit, ...
30. Francia Orientalis, Vulgo Franconia, A Franco Quodam Eorum Duce Orta Crediut Gens...
31. Florentissimus Rheni Palatinatus
32. Saliburgensis jurisdictionis locorumque vicinorum vera descriptio Auctore Marco. Secznagel Saliburgense
33. Bavaria Ducatus
34. Sueviae utriusque Germanicae cum Rheticae celebratissimis urbibus, ...
35. Hungariae Loca Precipua Recens Emendata, Atque Edita per Ioannem Sambucum Pannonium...
36. Italia
37. Prussiae Descriptio ante aliquot annos ab Henrico Zellio edita, ...
38. Poloniae sinitimarumque locorum descriptio Auctore Wenceslao Godreccio Polono



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39. Ducatus Oswieczensis & Zatoriensis descriptio. 1592

40. Graeciae Universae Secundum Hodiernum Situm Neoterica Descriptio.

Meurer and Bonacker

This would seem to be an example (based on Meurer's comments the only extant example traced) of a rare variant of Quad's 1592 atlas of Europe. This 40-map variant was described as QUA 2 in Meurer's catalog of the Cologne School atlases based on an entry in Bonacker's Quad Catalogue Raisonné:

BONACKER (Matthias Quad, Catalogue Raisonné No. 1a) mentions an edition from 1592 with 40 maps. This copy must be counted among the war losses of the UStB Cologne; more precise information about the volume is no longer accessible. A corresponding additional copy has not yet been found.

Provenance

Library of the Stevenson Lighthouse Engineers

Detailed Condition:

Oblong quarto. 17th-century stiff vellum. (Neatly rebacked with vellum.) Engraved title in full original hand-color, trimmed and mounted to a larger sheet, and 40 engraved maps, all in beautiful full original hand-color. All of the maps with thumb index tabs on the right edge.