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A New Mapp of Scotland According to Gordon of Straloch . . . 1721

Stock#: 102887
Map Maker: Senex
Date: 1721
Place: London
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG
Size: 18 x 21.5 inches
Price: \$ 875.00



Description:

Decorative early 18th Century English map of Scotland, from Senex's *New General Atlas*.

The map was originally published by Christopher Browne in 1705 and engraved by John Harris. The map includes a second title "A New Map of Scotland, the Western, Orkney, and Shetland Islands. Most Humbly Inscrib'd to His Grave the Duke of Hamilton & Brandon &c."

Robert Gordon (1580-1661) was a Scottish cartographer, poet, mathematician, antiquary and geographer. In 1641, Charles I wrote a letter to Gordon asking him "to reveis the saidis cairtiss", to complete the publication of an atlas of Scotland, which had been projected by Timothy Pont. By two Acts of the Scottish Parliament, Gordon was exempted from military service in order to afford him the time to complete the project, while the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland published a request to the clergy, to provide assistance to Gordon in his efforts to complete Pont's survey. The undertaking was completed in 1648 and was published by Joan Blaeu of Amsterdam, under the title of *Theatrum Scotiae*. A second edition was published in 1655 and a third in 1662. This atlas was said to be the first delineation of Scotland made from actual survey and measurement.



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Gordon made other maps, and revised many others, adding geographical descriptions, and prefixing an introduction in Blaeu, in which a comprehensive view is given of the constitution and antiquities of the country. These dissertations were one of the first attempts to settle the ancient history of Scotland.

Detailed Condition: