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Middle-sexia

Stock#: 104496
Map Maker: Blaeu
Date: 1645 circa
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 16.5 x 15.5 inches
Price: \$ 675.00



Description:

This exquisite map of Middlesex, titled *Middle-Sexia*, was created by the renowned Dutch cartographer Willem Janszoon Blaeu in the mid-17th century. Blaeu's maps are celebrated for their accuracy, artistic quality, and intricate details, and this map is a quintessential example of his craftsmanship.

The map depicts Middlesex, an historic county in southeast England, bordered by the counties of Hertfordshire, Essex, Buckinghamshire, and Surrey, and embracing the city of London along the River Thames, which ceased to exist after April 1, 1965. The cartography of Middlesex is finely detailed, showing the various "Hundreds" (administrative divisions) such as Elthorne, Gore, Edmonton, and Spelthorne. Each hundred is meticulously outlined and populated with settlements, manors, forests, and rivers. The map also highlights notable locations including Enfield Chase, Waltham Forest, Watford, Uxbridge, Great Brentford, High Bernet (Barnet) and areas around London, illustrating the region's geographical and administrative layout during the period.

One of the most striking features of this map is its decorative elements. In the upper left corner, Blaeu has placed an elaborate coat of arms, symbolizing the county's heraldic heritage. The lower right corner is adorned with a grand cartouche, flanked by allegorical figures and surrounded by lush foliage and flowers.

Detailed Condition:

Old Color.