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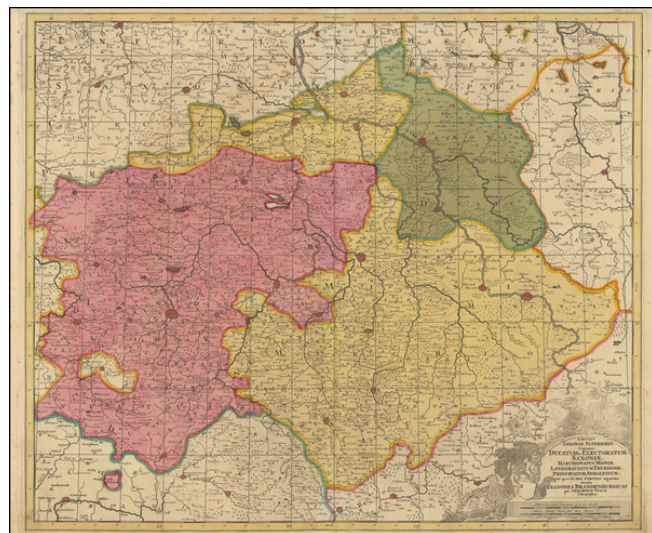
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## **Circulus Saxoniae Superioris Continens Ducatum et Electoratum Saxoniae, Marchionatum, Misniae, Landgraviatum, Thuringiae, Principatum Anhaltinum praeter quos in hoc Circulo Separatim Invenis Regiones Brandenburgicas . . . .**

**Stock#:** 104769  
**Map Maker:** Valk  
**Date:** 1700  
**Place:** Amsterdam  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 23.5 x 19.5 inches  
**Price:** \$ 225.00



### **Description:**

This detailed map of the Upper Saxony Circle, published around 1700, presents a comprehensive representation of the Duchy and Electorate of Saxony, the Margraviate of Meissen, the Landgraviate of Thuringia, the Principality of Anhalt, and the regions of Brandenburg. The map meticulously delineates the political and geographical landscape of the region at the dawn of the 18th century, highlighting its significant towns, rivers, and topographical features.

The map prominently features major towns such as Dresden, Leipzig, and Wittenberg. Dresden, the capital of the Electorate of Saxony, was a cultural and political hub, celebrated for its splendid Baroque architecture and vibrant court life. Leipzig, a key commercial center, was famous for its trade fairs and its role in the intellectual and cultural movements of the time. Wittenberg, historically significant for its association with Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation, remained an important religious and educational center.

Rivers like the Elbe, Saale, and Mulde are meticulously depicted, reflecting their importance in the region's commerce and transportation. The Elbe River, flowing through Dresden and providing a vital waterway for trade, played a significant role in the economic prosperity of the Saxon territories. The Saale and Mulde rivers also contributed to the region's agricultural and economic activities, supporting the towns and settlements along their banks.



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In the early 18th century, the Upper Saxony Circle was a pivotal region within the Holy Roman Empire, encompassing several influential territories. The Electorate of Saxony, ruled by the Elector Frederick Augustus I (Augustus the Strong), was a dominant power, renowned for its cultural and political influence. Augustus, who also became King of Poland in 1697, played a crucial role in the region's politics and arts, fostering a period of significant architectural and artistic development known as the Saxon Baroque.

**Detailed Condition:**