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Tierra Nueva [New England]

Stock#: 30634
Map Maker: Gastaldi
Date: 1548
Place: Venice
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 6 x 5.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fine example of Gastaldi's map of the East Coast of North America, extending from Labrador to Florida, the first "modern" printed map of the Coastline of North America.

Gastaldi's map is the first printed map to incorporate in meaningful detail the results of Verrazzano's 1524 explorations along the Coast of North America, which established the existence of a contiguous coast from Florida to Nova Scotia. Gastaldi's map is also the first to attempt to reconcile Verrazzano's reports with the reports from Cartier's voyages to the Maritimes and Gulf of St. Lawrence in the 1530s. As such, it was the first attempt at a regional map of the East Coast.

The reference to Larcadia in the map is from Verrazzano and has been determined to be Kitty Hawk, North Carolina by Morison. Angoulesme (New York Harbor), Flora (Long Island) and P Refuge (Narragansett Bay), are also from Verrazzano's explorations.

Verrazano originally landed on the Coast near Cape Fear, headed south briefly, before turning northward and sailing as far as the Coast of Maine, then back to France. Tierra De Nurumberg is an early reference to New England. Following Gastaldi's work, Ruscelli's map is largely unchanged, except for the extension of the rivers and the depiction of the Hudson and St. Lawrence Rivers as joining each other, which is based upon Ramusio.

The map is one of the "modern" maps to appear in Giacomo Gastaldi's *La Geografia* and was one of the two earliest regional maps of America.



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The present example comes from a rare example of the atlas which was bound without a fold, therefore there are no binding holes in the center of the map, as is often the case with Gastaldi's maps and is an unusually fine example. The map is frequently seen with a much weaker impression and problems along the centerfold.

Detailed Condition:

Unfolded example, bound "in plano"