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[Gulf Coast & West Coast of Florida] De Cust van Westindien Van La Desconoscida, tot C. Escondido. . .

Stock#: 45478dc
Map Maker: Roggeveen / Robijn
Date: 1675 (1680)
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 21 x 16 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

The First Dutch Chart of the Gulf Coast - Texas - West Coast of Florida

Roggeveen's chart of the Gulf Coast, etc. is the first sea chart to focus on the region and one of great importance, showing for the first time on a printed Sea Chart the entire Coastline of the Gulf of Mexico, from the West Coast of Florida to Campeche in the Yucatan.

The primary source for this chart is the work of Hessel Gerritsz who published a chart of the West Indies in c.1631, following a voyage to the Americas. Gerritsz's map is extremely rare, surviving in only 3 examples.

Roggeveen was also influenced by the manuscript maps of Joan Vingboons. Both Gerritsz and Vingboons were official cartographers for the Dutch East Company and West India Company, where Roggeveen would have had access to their manuscripts.

Arent Roggeveen was a land surveyor, mathematician, poet and teacher of navigation. Born in Delfshaven, he later moved to Middelburg where both the Dutch East and West India Companies were based. He was employed by both companies as a teacher in the art of navigation. He also helped maintain their collections of hydrographic manuscripts and charts, including Spanish portulanos of the West Indies. In the mid 1660s, Roggeveen compiled a series of large scale charts of the North American coast line, West Indies and later, West Africa. His *Het Brandende Veen* or *The Burning Fen* represented a landmark in the



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coastal charting of North America, with a number of regions mapped in larger scale than in any previously printed work. Roggeveen arranged for Pieter Goos, one of the leading engravers and publishers of maritime books in Amsterdam to publish the collection. The completed work was the first Dutch pilot that was focused on select areas of the American coastline. Previously, all printed maps and charts that dealt with this coastline were on a much larger scale.

Roggeveen died in 1679. Goos' widow sold the plates to Jacob Robijn, who reissued the maps with his name added to the title, but otherwise unchanged, in 1680. Both examples of the map are extremely rare. The atlases were undoubtedly published in limited quantity. Working sea charts and pilots from the 17th Century are inherently rare due to the nature of their use aboard ships. The vast majority of them were either destroyed by use or destroyed intentionally when new updated versions were obtained.

Detailed Condition: