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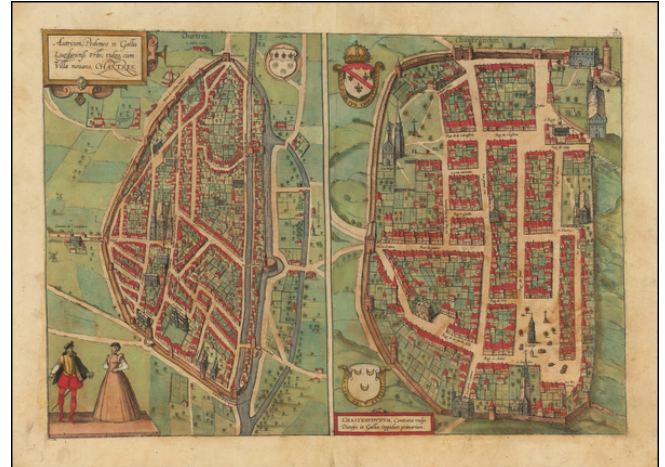
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**(Chartres and Chateaudun) Autricum, Ptolemeo in Gallia Lugdunensi Urbs; vulgo cum Villa novano Chartes [and] Chasteaudunum, Comitatus vulgo Dunoy's in Gallia Oppidum primarium.**

**Stock#:** 51208mp2  
**Map Maker:** Braun & Hogenberg  
**Date:** 1575 circa  
**Place:** Cologne  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 19 x 12.5 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



## Description:

Two early city views of Chateaudun and Chartres, from an early edition of Braun & Hogenberg's *Civitates Orbis Terrarum*, the most prolific compilation of city views published in the 16th Century.

## Chartres

Chartres was in Gaul, one of the principal towns of the Carnutes, a Celtic tribe. In the Gallo-Roman period, it was called Autricum, name derived from the river Autura (Eure), and afterwards civitas Carnutum, "city of the Carnutes", from which Chartres got its name. The city was burned by the Normans in 858, and unsuccessfully besieged by them in 911.

During the Middle Ages, it was the most important town of the Beauce. It gave its name to a county which was held by the counts of Blois, and the counts of Champagne, and afterwards by the House of Châtillon, a member of which sold it to the Crown in 1286. In 1417, during the Hundred Years' War, Chartres fell into the hands of the English, from whom it was recovered in 1432. In 1528, it was raised to the rank of a duchy by Francis I.

In 1568, during the Wars of Religion, Chartres was unsuccessfully besieged by the Huguenot leader, the Prince of Condé. It was finally taken by the royal troops of Henry IV on In April 1591. On Sunday, February 27, 1594, the cathedral of Chartres was the site of the coronation of Henry IV after he converted to the Catholic faith, the only king of France whose coronation ceremony was not performed in Reims.



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**Detailed Condition:**

Old Color. Minor restoration and old creasing, recently flattened