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[15-Inch Terrestrial and Celestial Globe Pair] Cosmotheore, Caelesti nostro Globo. Par, et plane Novus, Hic Terrestris ut existeret. . . excudam Gerardus Valk Calcographus Amstelaedami, A°1707 Cum privilegio. [With:] Uranographia Caelum. . . GERARDUS VALK Amstelaedmenis. Cum Privilegio.

Stock#: 53374



Map Maker: Valk

Date: 1700 and 1707

Place: Amsterdam

Color: Hand Colored

Condition: VG

Size: 22.75 x 22.25 inches

Price: SOLD

Description:

A beautiful pair of the earliest state of Valk's 15-inch table globes, the largest Valk had made up to that time. From the Collection of Schloss Breitenburg.

A superb cartographic artifact of early cartography, by Gerard Valk, master globemaker of the Dutch Golden Age of Cartography. The beautifully hand-colored terrestrial and celestial globes display the state-of-the-art knowledge of the earth and the heavens from the end of the 17th century. The world is rendered in exacting detail; showing many countries, kingdoms, and colonies, as well as towns (heightened in gold), river, and lakes. The heavens are artistically drawn with the constellations rendered allegorically as mythical or religious figures; serpents, angels, and warriors abound.

The globes come from the German castle Schloss Breitenburg, the ancestral home of the Counts of Rantzau in Schleswig.

This pair of globes is the earliest state identified by van der Krogt (Val III states 1a and 1), who identifies only six pairs in institutions.

Terrestrial globe title:

Cosmotheore, caelesti nostro globo, par, et plan novus, hic terrestris ut existeret; certo scias: errore veterum sublato, non tantum utriusque orbis longitudes ac latitudes, per reiteratas Neotericorum observationes hicce esse restitutas; sedet nullum typis emendatiorem prodiisse. Hoc igitur novissimo tam diu fruire, donec, sub majori forma, meo aere alios excudemus. Ger. et Leon. Valk calcographi



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Amstelaedami, revis: Ao 1707 cum privilegio.

Translation:

Sky-watcher, you may be sure that this terrestrial globe is equal to our celestial one, and is completely new. After removing the errors of the ancients, not only have the longitudes and latitudes of both worlds been put right according to the repeated observations of modern scholars but in addition, no better-corrected version has come forward. Therefore, be delighted by this very newest version, until I engrave others in a larger size. Gerard Valk, engraver, at Amsterdam, in the year 1707, with privilege.

Celestial globe title:

Uranographia Caelum omne hic Complectens, Illa pro ut aucta et ad annum 1700 Completum MAGNO ab HEVELIO correcta est: ita, ejus ex Prototypis, sua noviter haec Ectypa veris Astronomiae culturibus exhibet et consecrat GER. Et LEON VALK; Amsterdaedamensis Cum Privilegio.

Translation:

Uranographia, comprising the whole sky, as it was augmented and corrected for the year 1700 by the great Hevelius. Thus from his prototypes, Gerard Valk of Amsterdam offers and dedicates these new engravings to true devotees of astronomy. With privilege

Near the constellation "Hydra" is the legend reading:

"Monitum Novis hisce Sphaeris Novissimus. Ex praescripto Lotharii Zum-Bach Med. Doct. unus, et alter additus Horizon : Quorum Is, qui huic Caelesti singularis, Praeter Communes atque Bissextilem, Ut exactior, Luminarium indiget Locum ad Meridianum Amstelodamens. Plus quam per Ducentos Annos, Suis Mensium Diebus Appositas Lunae Syzygias, Medio Tempore Medias, Ingeniosa Methodo et emit, et exhibet."

"Notice. To these our spheres, in accord with the directions of Lothar Zum Bach, Doctor of Medicine, there has been added one very recent, and also a second horizon; of these two the one which belongs to the celestial globe has in addition the common and bissextile years, in order that the location of the stars may the more exactly be discovered; it both works out and exhibits by an ingenious method, according to the meridian of Amsterdam, over a space of more than two hundred years the syzygies of the moon placed



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opposite their proper days of the month, the middle ones being in the middle time."

Detailed Condition:

Each globe comprised of two sets of eighteen hand-colored engraved half-gores and two polar calottes, those of the celestial laid to the ecliptic poles. The celestial globe with the stars gilt and given to six orders of magnitude. Both spheres supported in their original graduated brass meridian rings (the celestial stamped "13" and terrestrial stamped "14"). Original hand-colored engraved calendrical horizon rings applied to the later period-correct stands, with four turned oak legs with bun feet, united with cross-stretchers supporting turned base plate. Spheres superbly restored, with two small oval areas of expert reinstatement on the celestial sphere.