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Septentrionalium Regionum Descrip.

Stock#: 61512
Map Maker: Ortelius

Date: 1570
Place: Antwerp
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 19 x 14 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

First State -- Including The Mythical Island of Frisland

Old color example of Abraham Ortelius's important early map of the North Atlantic, extending from Scandinavia and the Polar regions in the East, to the mythical Islands of the North Atlantic, Greenland, Iceland and North America.

Engraved by Frans Hogenberg, Ortelius' map of the North Atlantic is one of the most interesting maps to appear in an atlas. The map was influential in its treatment of the Arctic regions. The mainland of America is depicted in the north-west with the place name Estotilant. The map includes a number of mythical islands including Frisland, Drogeo and Icaria. The map shows the influence of Mercator's wall map of 1569 and the infamous Zeno map of 1558, as well as the work of Olaus Magnus in 1539. Excellent early outline of the Scandinavian coast, bordering the Mare Congelatum, the frozen waters of the Arctic.

On the verso a note on the nature of the cliffs is given. Includes sea monsters and sailing ships. From Oretlius' *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum*, the first modern atlas.

Detailed Condition:
Old Color, recently retouched. Old fold reinforcement on verso.