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## (Map Forgery) America Septentrionalis.

**Stock#:** 62792  
**Map Maker:** Anonymous  
**Date:** 1631 (but late 17th or early 18th century)  
**Place:** Italy?  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 21.5 x 18.5 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

#### *Italian Forgery of a Classic Dutch Map*

Interesting forgery of the Hondius-Jansson North America, probably done by an Italian artist.

Burden suggests that the forgery was done at the end of the seventeenth or beginning of the eighteenth century; however, it might have been made later than that.

The map is a close, but inferior, re-engraving of the Hondius-Jansson *America Septentrionalis*, which was initially published in 1636. It was released in a second state in 1641 with the imprint included in the cartouche in the lower left corner (previously this was left blank) and in a third state in ca. 1694 with a Valk and Schenk imprimatur.

Burden's entry for the original map includes this note on the forgery:

*There exists a reproduction of this map that itself appears to originate from the late seventeenth or early eighteenth century. It bears the curious imprint lower left Amstelodami Excusum apud Judocum et Henricum Hondium. Anno 1631. As Jodocus Hondius Jr. had died in 1629 this is an obvious error. The quality of the engraving is of a poor standard. On closer examination it appears to be of Italian origin.*



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**Detailed Condition:**

Cleaned and some weak spots reinforced.