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[Ophiuchus, or Serpentarius] (Stars Heightened in Gold)

Stock#: 70895
Map Maker: Bayer
Date: 1603
Place: Augsburg
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 15.5 x 11.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Striking full color example of Bayer's celestial chart of Ophiuchus (Serpentarius), with the stars heightened in gold.

Ophiuchus is one of the 48 constellations named by Claudius Ptolemy, named for the Greek word "Serpent Bearer." Ophiuchus is shown grasping the constellation Serpens. Bayer's *Uranometria*, is one of the most important celestial atlases of the 17th Century and the forerunner of all star atlases which contained 51 star charts, of which 48 were Ptolomeic constellations.

Detailed Condition:

Trimmed to neatline and laid on a larger sheet of circa 17th-century paper, ruled with iron gall ink.