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Irlandiae Accurata Descriptio Auctore Baptista Boazio

Stock#: 75016

Map Maker: Ortelius / Vrients

Date: 1608
Place: Antwerp
Color: Hand Colored

Condition: VG

Size: 22.5 x 17 inches

Price: \$ 7,500.00



Description:

Handsome example of the Ortelius/Vrients edition of Baptista Boazio's remarkable map of Ireland, engraved by Elstrach and published by Sudbury in 1599.

Decorative map of Ireland with north oriented to the right. The Island is divided into the four provinces of Ulster, Connaught, Leinster and Munster with counties delineated by dotted line. It is filled with pictorial depictions of the forests and topography and the location of cities, towns and major landowners. A table to the left deciphers the Irish names relating to geographical features and residents, noting that the presence of O before a name indicates $Caput\ familiae$, or the head of the family, and Mc before a name indicates a $Territorium\ fillii\ Satrapae$, a region dominated by one related family. The sea is teeming with sea monsters and a pair of elegantly engraved ships, one of them aflame. A man in a curragh waving a trident is shown in the upper right near the dedication cartouche, and three other elaborate strapwork cartouches further adorn the map.

Boazio's map of Ireland is one of the maps added by Joannes Baptista Vrients when he took over the publication of Ortelius's *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum* after the latter's death in 1598.

Detailed Condition:

Original hand-color in full. Minor toning and offsetting. Margins are ample on all sides, which is unusual for this very large plate map. Short repaired tear from the top edge into the title block just to the right of the "AE" in "Irlandiae". Italian text on verso. 1608 or 1612.