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[Sagittarius] (Stars Heightened in Gold)

Stock#: 83156 **Map Maker:** Bayer

Date: 1624 circaPlace: AugsburgColor: Hand Colored

Condition: VG+

Size: 15 x 11 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

A magnificent full-color example of Bayer's celestial chart of Sagittarius, with the stars heightened in gold. Sagittarius appears from Babylonian times as a centaur-like archer. The constellation's first portrayals were usually double-headed, including a second panther's head, but this was lost by the time of Greek mythology. Competing Hellenic traditions abound, either relating Sagittarius to Centaurus, or giving the constellation its own story. One popular one that Sagittarius represented Chiron, tutor to Jason, who fled to the stars to escape his jealous wife.

The image is oriented so that the ecliptic line lies on the horizontal, and other lines of cosmological importance are shown. The present example has no text on the verso. This work appeared in Bayer's *Uranomatria*.

Detailed Condition: