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## [ Ophiuchus and Serpentarius ] (Stars Heightened in Gold)

**Stock#:** 83180  
**Map Maker:** Bayer  
**Date:** 1624 circa  
**Place:** Augsburg  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 15 x 11 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 Ptolemaic constellations.

### Detailed Condition: