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Belgii Veteris Typus

Stock#: 87943
Map Maker: Ortelius
Date: 1603
Place: Antwerp
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 19 x 15 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Nice example of Ortelius' map of the Low Countries, from his *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum*, the first modern atlas of the world.

Four ornate cartouches and a compass rose. Extends to the English Channel and part of Britain. Part of Germany is to the east.

This plate, first issued in 1595, replaced Ortelius' previous "Belgii Veteris Typus".

According to the title cartouche, place names in all uppercase letters are names of antiquity, of later times with regular capitalization, not from antiquity in lowercase cursive, and modern names in a more gothic-type lower case cursive. "Namurcum", in cursive, is Namur, a town name with Celtic roots. Oudenaerde (Oudenaarde), a name with Dutch origins, is in the gothic-type script.

Ortelius, a native of Antwerp, dedicates this map to the senate and people of his city ("S.P.Q.A.") in the upper right cartouche.

Detailed Condition:

Minor foxing. Minor centerfold discoloration and offsetting.