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A New Map of Ancient Scandinavia together with as much more of ye Northern Part of Ancient Europe as Answers to Present

Stock#: 90595
Map Maker: Wells
Date: 1704
Place: Oxford
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: Good
Size: 20 x 14.5 inches
Price: \$ 345.00



Description:

This antique map of ancient Scandinavia, published by Edward Wells in Oxford around 1704, is an impressive and detailed representation of the region in ancient times, as understood at the beginning of the 18th century. The main map image includes Scythiaiae, Sarmatiae, Germaniae, and Baltia, among other regions, and features intricate geographical details and labeling.

An inset titled "Present Denmark with the adjoining Parts of Sweden and Germany" is included in the upper right corner, providing a more detailed look at the contemporary political boundaries in that area.

Overall, this antique map of ancient Scandinavia is a valuable addition to any collection, offering a unique glimpse into the region's past.

This Wells map is one of a set of 22 maps dedicated to William, Duke of Gloucester, who, at the time of publication of the maps, was studying at Oxford. Edward Wells, teacher of mathematics and geography at Christchurch College of Oxford University. The 13-year-old William, the heir to the throne, began studies at Christchurch in 1700 at the age of 11 and died a few months after the map was issued.

The engraver of the map, Michael Burghers, was an engraver and draftsman from Holland, who came to England and settled in Oxford in 1673. There he worked under David Loggan and succeeded him as Engraver to the University. Burghers engraved the first Oxford Almanack in 1676, and continued to engrave most of them for the next 43 years. He also illustrated books and produced architectural, botanical and portrait engravings.



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Detailed Condition:

Some toning. Map reinforced with old paper.