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### [ Braga, Portugal ] Nova Bracaræ Auguste Descriptio.

**Stock#:** 90839  
**Map Maker:** Braun & Hogenberg  
**Date:** 1599  
**Place:** Cologne  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 20 x 14.5 inches  
**Price:** \$ 750.00



#### Description:

Original antique engraving of the Portuguese city of Braga, by the best viewmakers of the 16th century, Georg Braun and Frans Hogenberg, first published in 1594.

The view centers on the "Temple maximum", the large church at the middle of the town. The town itself is surrounded by walls and a river flows just below it.

At the top left is the coat of arms of the Archbishop of Braga. At the top right, the coat of arms of the city.

**Translation of text at top left:** "To the most illustrious Lord, Brother Augustin of Jesus of Braga, Archbishop and Lord Primate of the Spains, Magnate of Lusitania, Counselor to His Royal Majesty, Gaspar Alvarus Machiadus, the ecclesiastical historian of Holy Braga, has named [this work] on the Ides of August, in the year 1594."

**Text at center right:** ""The river Alestes, whose sources are on Mount Spino, four hours away from Braga by Augustan miles, irrigates a most delightful valley adjacent to the city, cultivated with many gardens, orchards, and greenhouses. This is marvelous: it produces no tree from the harmful kinds of apple, with which otherwise this entire province abounds. It washes the city, and flows into a river of greater fame near the ancient town of Villa Comitris. Some falsely call this [river] Sethen"

**Third Image:** "To the candid spectator. Bracara Augusta was named by Augustus Caesar. The reader is present by the ingenuity of our Gaspar. Now more majestic with Augustine as ruler, with the tombs of the divine Pontiffs, and the councils of the fathers. Doctor Sebastianus Dalfaro [is] the Secretary to the Most Illustrious Primate.."



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