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**[Duchy of Upper Lorraine / Lotharingia Lotharingia [et] Vastum Regnum**

**Stock#:** 91240  
**Map Maker:** Waldseemüller  
**Date:** 1513  
**Place:** Strasbourg  
**Color:** Color  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 10.25 x 14 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



**Description:**

***The Earliest Known Map Based Upon A Systematic Field Survey -- Likely by  
Marin Waldseemuller Himself (Hessler)***

***"Of Great Interest In the History of Map Printing" (Woodward, 50)***

Fine example of the earliest map printed in more than two colors. (Skelton) and drawn from "the first known systematic field survey" (Hessler).

Oriented with south at the top and centered on the the course of the Moselle River and its tributaries from the area near Remiremont in the north to Trier in the south. The map details the homeland Waldseemuller. This map of the Duchy of Upper Lorraine was produced by Matthias Ringmann and Martin Waldseemuller for their 1513 edition of Ptolemy's *Geographia*, the first edition of Ptolemy to substantially



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modernize the ancient text and included three maps based on contemporaneous surveys.

The map "is particularly interesting in that it was based on the first known systematic field survey" (Hessler), most probably executed by Waldseemuller himself.

Among Waldseemuller's maps, this is the only one printed in more than one color. Published to honor honor of Rene II, Duke of Lorraine and King of Jerusalem whose patronage made possible the group of scholars, known as the Gymnasium Vosgensis, to which Waldseemuller and Ringmann belonged. The map displays in detail all of Rene's II's Duchy, including the location of the Gymnasium at St. Die (S. Deoditine on the map.) Hessler notes its remarkable accuracy, as well as its decorative quality, with the arms of the Duchy of Lorraine and the arms of 17 counts and barons associated with the region.

The map also includes notations indicating the locations of important resources: salt, lead, "lasurum" (possibly lapis lazuli) and (slightly more farfetched) pearls.

#### **Rarity**

The map is scarce. However, because of its historical importance, the map seems to be relatively rare on the market.

We note only 3 dealer catalog entries in the past 40 years (Arkway 1983; Arkway 1983; Martayan Lan 2015).

#### **Detailed Condition:**