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## Gothia

**Stock#:** 95365  
**Map Maker:** Jansson  
**Date:** 1640 circa  
**Place:** Amsterdam  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 19 x 15.5 inches  
**Price:** \$ 375.00



### Description:

Jan Jansson's mid-17th century map of Gothia, southern Sweden, is an excellent example of cartographic work from that period.

Gothia, or Götaland as it's currently known, is illustrated in meticulous detail. The varying topography, including ridges and valleys, is etched clearly, while water bodies are demarcated accurately. Notably, major cities like Gothenburg are marked, complete with small depictions of buildings.

Seven small sailing ships are depicted on the eastern sea and the Baltic, suggesting the region's thriving maritime culture and trade connections in the 17th century. The inclusion of these ships reflects the mapmaker's attention to the region's economic activities.

Historically, the 17th century was a period of significant change for Gothia and Sweden as a whole. Known as the Age of Greatness in Sweden, the country emerged as a considerable European power due to its military might and strategic alliances. The map can be seen as a representation of this era, showing a region involved in territorial disputes and expansions. Particularly, Gothia's role becomes evident during the Scanian War in the late 17th century.

### Detailed Condition: