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Aegyptus Antiqua

Stock#: 95497
Map Maker: Jansson
Date: 1660 circa
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 20 x 15 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Aegyptus Antiqua by Jan Jansson, dating to approximately 1660 and published in Amsterdam, is a beautiful antique map of ancient Egypt, with an unorthodox orientation where west is positioned at the top. The map's design was influenced by Abraham Ortelius' map that was featured in his *Parergon*, while this map was included in Jansson's historical atlas.

During the 17th century, Europe experienced a resurgence of interest in the classical world, with scholars, cartographers, and explorers studying ancient texts and artifacts. The *Aegyptus Antiqua* embodies this intellectual curiosity, offering a glimpse into the geographical understanding of Egypt during antiquity. The map shows the Nile River, major cities, and some topographical features known from classical writings.

Jan Jansson was one of the most prominent cartographers of his time, working closely with other famed cartographers such as the Blaeu family. His inclusion of this map in his historical atlas reflects the high regard in which ancient Egyptian civilization was held during his era.

Detailed Condition: