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Wratislavia

Stock#: 95518
Map Maker: Braun & Hogenberg
Date: 1587
Place: Cologne
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 19.5 x 14.5 inches
Price: \$ 875.00



Description:

Striking old colored example of Braun & Hogenberg's views of Wratislavia, showing a major town on the Oder River in Lower Silesia, from an early edition of Braun & Hogenberg's *Civitates Orbis Terrarum*.

Braun & Hogenberg's view of Wratislavia, known today as Wroclaw or Breslau, offers a detailed visualization of Wratislavia during its time under the Kingdom of Bohemia and the Holy Roman Empire.

The view offers a vivid representation of the town on the Oder River,, with careful attention to the city's layout, with the buildings presented in a bird's-eye view. The city's fortifications and dense structures are clearly marked, indicating the historical topography of the city. At the lower corners of the map are detailed keys pointing out major landmarks, such as the city hall, cathedral, monasteries, and prominent residences. These keys provide a useful guide for understanding the city's layout and infrastructure.

The map is further embellished with two decorative coats of arms, which provide a hint of the city's governance at the time.

Wratislavia's history until 1600 is that of a crucial trade center located on the Oder River. After its establishment in the 10th century, the city expanded under Polish rule in the 11th and 12th centuries, later joining the Kingdom of Bohemia in the late 14th century.

The 16th century marked a period of growth for the city, both culturally and academically, despite the religious conflicts of the Reformation and Counter-Reformation. It is within this backdrop that the "Civitates Orbis Terrarum" was created, offering a snapshot of Wratislavia during this pivotal era.



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Detailed Condition:

Toning in the margins.