[Hven -Tycho Brahe's Observatory] Topographia Insulae Huaenae in Celebri Porthmo Regni Danae...

Stock#:	96867
Map Maker:	Braun / Hogenberg
Date:	1599
Place:	Cologne
Color:	Hand Colored
Condition:	VG
Size:	19 x 13.25 inches
Price:	SOLD
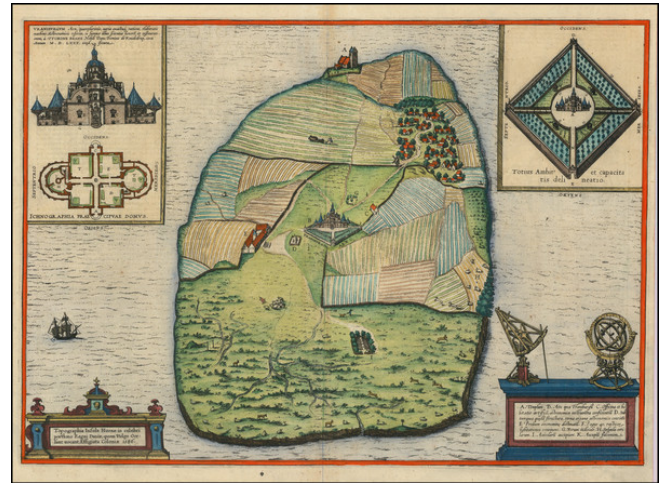
Description:

Finely colored example of Braun & Hogenberg's map of the Island of Hven, most notable for being the site of Tycho Brahe's observatory, Uraniborg. The map shows the island oriented with the west at the top, which was a common mapping convention of the era.

In the top left corner, there is a detailed illustration of Uraniborg, depicting its grand structure and the symmetry of its design. Below this illustration is the ground plan of the observatory, showing the organized layout of the rooms within Uraniborg.

The main part of the map provides a view of the island itself, with its fields, buildings, and surrounding waters. This depiction suggests a tranquil, well-ordered place with a mix of natural and human-made features.

On the top right, an inset likely shows some of the scientific instruments used in astronomy or diagrams related to Brahe's work, reflecting the island's significance in the history of astronomical observation.

The text on the bottom left is a title and description, while the text on the bottom right provides additional context about the island and Tycho Brahe's activities there, mentioning the island's agriculture, wildlife, and fishing potential.

Overall, the map serves as a historical document detailing the site of significant scientific study in the late 16th century, offering insight into both the geography of the Island of Hven and the scientific endeavors of Tycho Brahe.

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