

Basic Detail Report



Title Nova Belgica et Anglia Nova

Date 1635

Primary Maker Willem Janszoon Blaeu

Medium Engraving; printer's ink and watercolor on paper

Description Map of the east coast of the United States from the Chesapeake Bay to Quebec. The map is oriented east-west on the sheet, with the coastal land appearing at the top and right sides, and the Atlantic Ocean making up the bottom and left sides. New Amsterdam, Fort Orange (along the Noord Rivier, or North River, which is what the lower part of the Hudson River was called) and New Plymouth are the three settlements or forts that are labeled and marked with symbols. Rivers, lakes, and bays are named, and the names of Native

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American tribes and the locations of their settlements are provided, denoted by small clusters of wigwams. Forests are depicted as groups of trees, and elevation is conveyed through the depiction of mountains. Representations of deer, turkeys, herons, beavers, otters, foxes and rabbits are scattered around the land area. In the top right corner is a depiction of a wigwam village. The area comprising the Atlantic Ocean is embellished with canoes, ships and two compass roses. The decorative cartouche is flanked on either side by Native Americans, and the scale marker at the bottom left is flanked by cherubic mermaid figures.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (image height x width): 15 1/4 x 19 3/4in. (38.7 x 50.2cm) Platemark (height x width): 15 3/8 x 19 7/8in. (39.1 x 50.5cm) Sheet (height x width): 20 x 23 1/8in. (50.8 x 58.7cm)