



The Arch of Septimius Severus, Rome

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[Untitled elevation of the Arch of Septimius Severus.] Romae Claudii Ducheti formis 1583.

Rome: Hendrik van Schoel, 1602 440 x 395mm

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Architectural view of the Arch of Septimius Severus, erected in 203 AD which stands in Rome and commemorates the Roman victories over the Parthians in the final decade of the 2nd century AD. The triple triumphal arch was one of the most richly decorated of its type. Although badly damaged, it still stands in the Forum Romanum as a lasting and imposing monument to Roman vanity. It was first published by Duchetti, who took over the publication of Salamanca's 'Speculum Romanæ Magnificentiae' after the death of his uncle, Antonio Lafreri, in 1577. Hendrik van Schoel (c.1565-1622) of Antwerp bought a number of Duchetti's plates for re-issue in a business in Rome.

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