



The Wäldseemüller/Fries Ptolemaic map of Greece

WÄLDSEEMÜLLER, Martin.
 [Tabula X Europae.]

Lyons: Melchor & Gaspar Trechsel, 1535. Woodcut, printed area 330 x 450mm.

£850

A fine example of the Fries reduction of Wäldseemüller's Ptolemaic map Greece, within a trapezoid border. The title, as above, is on the verso, with a Latin text bordered with decorative columns. Originally intended not for a Ptolemy edition but for a new 'Chronica mundi' being written by Wäldseemüller, his death c.1520 caused the project to be shelved, so the woodcuts were used to publish a smaller sized and so cheaper edition of the 'Geography'.

ZACHARAKIS: 1829.

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