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AN UNUSUAL 17TH CENTURY PROSPECT OF AACHEN £120.00

Achen.

Cartographer MEISNER, Daniel.

Date 1640

Stock #: 24685

Publication: Nuremberg: Paulus Furst, c.1640. 100 x

150mm.

Condition: A good example.

DESCRIPTION:

A miniature view of Aachen, with a vignette of two couples under trumpets proclaiming 'Vive Moriturus' and 'Morere Victurus'. Above is a Latin motto, 'Haec Ruit, Illa Fugit', with another line of Latin text and a four-line verse in German underneath. Neither the figures nor the texts appear to relate to Aachen.

Meisner's book of town plans originally appeared in 1623 with only 52 plates. In 1624-6 it was re-issued with 416, and again in 1638-42 with a new title, 'Sciographia', and 800 plates, each plate with a letter before the pagination, as this example.