

## CONDITION ASSESSMENT & LOAN FORM

<b>Call Number:</b> G1792.B73 1572	<b>Lab Number:</b> 2015/16-144	
<b>Library/Department:</b> Rubenstein	<b>Author/Artist:</b> Georg Braun, et al.	
<b>Librarian:</b> Naomi Nelson	<b>Title:</b> Civitates Orbis Terrarum	
<b>Date Examined:</b> 3/25/2016	<b>Publication Date:</b> 1572	<b>Number of pages:</b> approx. 140
<b>Examined by:</b> Beth Doyle	<b>Size:</b> H 42.5 cm    W 30 cm    T 4 cm	
<b>Special instructions:</b> Review for digitization and loan to Nasher for fall 2017 exhibit		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Item is in stable condition and can be loaned</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Item should not be loaned because of its condition</b>		

**\*\*COMPLETE BEFORE LOAN\*\***

### Description:

Item is a printed, bound (laced-case) atlas. The primary covering material is tooled leather (calf) over paper/pulp boards. The spine, front and back corners have new leather that have been tooled to mimic the original tooling. The textblock is sewn through the fold. The maps are attached on stubs. The paper is a heavy wove cream-colored paper. Media include graphite, iron gall ink, black printer's ink, and watercolor/pigments. Sewn headbands are present.

### Condition:

#### Covers

- Original leather is in fair condition.
- New leather has been applied to the spine and corners; there are small patches on the edges at the front-lower-left and front-top-left edge. Both of these edge patches are coming up slightly and should be readhered. This newer leather on the spine and corners is in very good condition.
- Tooling is in fair condition; center panel has losses in left center edge.
- No condition issues with the inner or outer joints or caps.
- Front cover:
  - The front cover leather exhibits several small cracks along the edges all around.
  - Heavy staining at the spine edge of the front cover extending about a third of the way into the center extending from head to tail. This may be from leather dressing, or water.
  - Several small stains of unknown origin are across the cover.
- Back cover:
  - The back cover leather exhibits several small cracks along the edges all around.
  - There are two large extant loses at the fore edge that have been toned.
  - There are numerous small scuffs, especially at the center; two large scuffs at the center fore edge.
  - There are brush marks at the spine edge where the darker stains are, suggesting stains may have been caused by leather dressing at some time.
  - The corners are warped a little.

#### Text block

- The sewing is in very good condition.
- The paper is strong.

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- There is a lot of dirt and grime at the edges of the pages, especially at the beginning of the book.
- The title page has a lot of small chips at the edges, especially at the lower right corner.
- There is some insect damage at the gutter just below the center that extends several pages into the book. This has been previously repaired, and repaired well.
- There is some minor foxing throughout.
- On every verso of plate there is staining from the pigments, often there is corresponding staining on the page that follows each plate as well.
- There are some minor tears at the stub on many of the plates; and there are several very small tears at the fore edges throughout. None of these are bad enough at this moment to worry about, but eventually will need repair.

Plate of Venice

- There is surface grime around all edges.
- There is a small 4mm tear at the lower gutter where it is attached to the stub.
- There is a prior fill at the lower center right edge.
- The pigments are vibrant and in very good condition.

Treatment prior to exhibition

- DPC is imaging this item for the Nasher's exhibit. We will use their files for the pre-exhibit images.
- Dry clean edges.
- Make a blue-clamshell enclosure.

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