



Engraved map.

LAFRERI CYPRUS

[Cyprus]

Author

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Publication date

before 1570.

Publisher

Publication place

Rome,

Physical description

Engraved map.

Dimensions

203 by 273mm. (8 by 10.75 inches).

Notes

The map is undated and unsigned, but can be attributed to Lafreri because of the likely date of publication and the style. The geography follows the map of Cyprus published by Bartolomeo Faletti in Rome in 1560. Lafreri added the title cartouche surmounted by the winged lion of St Mark. The course of the Pediasus River is taken from a 1562 manuscript map by Georgio Sideri. Nicosia is still shown as surrounded by the walls built by the Franks, which were destroyed in 1567. Ascertaining the date of the map is difficult, as the city of Nicosia is shown still surrounded by the walls built by

the Franks, which were destroyed in 1567; however, Stylianou argues that the map can be dated before 1570, the year of the Turks' invasion and also the year in which an almost identical map was published by Lafreri's nephew, Claudio Duchetti.

We have not been able to trace any institutional copies of this map - the ones held by the Bibliothèque Nationale de France and the Princeton University Library are the Duchetti versions - nor have we been able to find one sold at auction.

Bibliography

Alberti 58; Borroni Salvadori 262; Lafreri 59; Phillips 50; National Maritime Museum 65; Ruge 85.61 and 89.66; Shirley II 18; Tooley 181; Wieder 100.

Provenance

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