

Lithuania Depicted in Maps During the Age of the Medici

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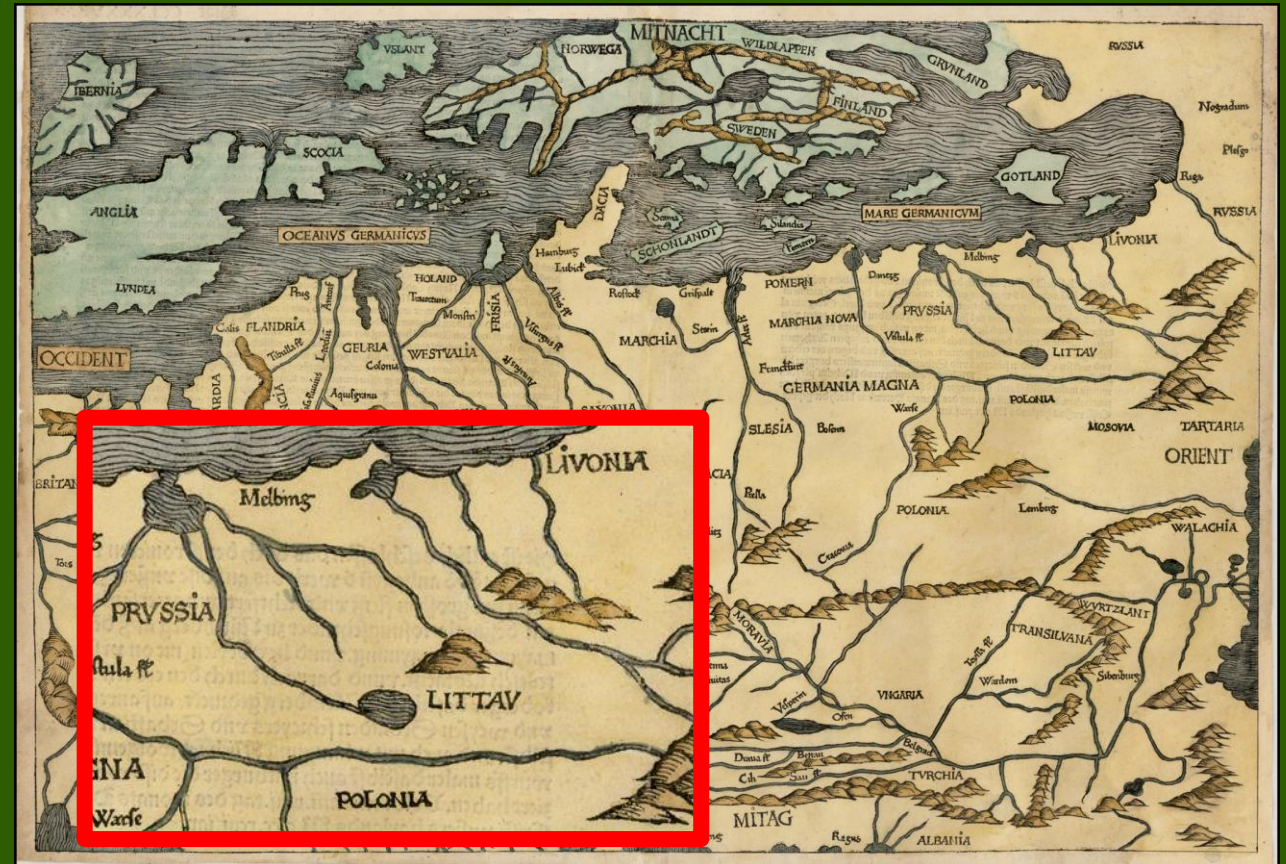
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The Grand Duchy of Lithuania, a warrior state, greatly expanded in the 13th - 15th centuries, during the rise of the Medicis, but was rarely depicted with boundaries in maps of that era.



1493 Hartmann Schedel (*publisher*): "Europa," Nuremberg, 23 x 15.5 inches, from the Latin edition of "Liber Chronicum"



1568: The Grand Duchy of Lithuania -- with lands including today's Belarus, part of Western Russia and Western Ukraine -- under pressure from the Empire of Russia and the Kingdom of Sweden, believed political union with the Kingdom of Poland would help protect them.

W. & A.K. Johnston: "...Before the Union of Lublin, 1568" *Edinburgh, published 1902*



The Grand Duchy (*green*) and the Kingdom of Poland (*yellow*) after the 1569 Union, creating the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth.

Lithuanians wanted a union of three nations, including Ruthenia (*Western Ukraine*), and initially walked out of talks, objecting to Polish demands to settle and own property in the GD. In response, Poland's army annexed Ruthenia, with approval from local gentry. The Lithuanians came back, and signed away their losses.



1595: the very first map titled "Lithuania," by Mercator, 14.6 x 17 inches / 37 x 43 cm, from "Atlas sive Cosmographicus..."



1607: Second map titled "Lithuania," 5.3 x 7 inches / 13.5 x 17.8 cm, from the pocket Mercator-Hondius "Atlas Minor"



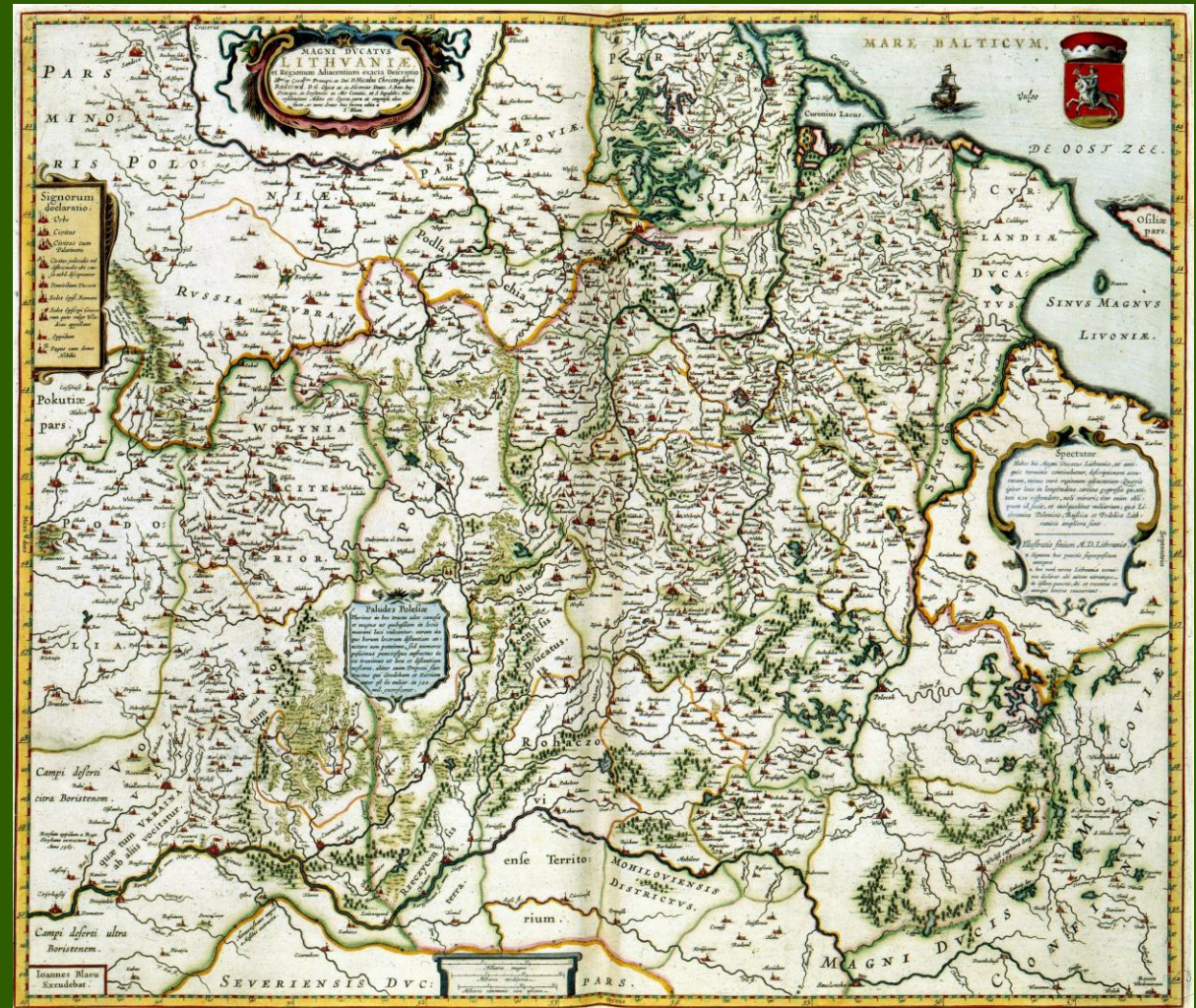
1613: Third map titled “Lithuania” (at a time when the Medici ruled the Grand Duchy of Tuscany), 29-inch-square / 73.7 cm sq wall map: Blaeu’s “Magni Ducatus Lithvaniae,” recently discovered to have been displayed at the 1613 Frankfurt Book Fair.

Based on surveys ordered 1586 by Lithuanian Prince Mikalojus Radvila, map shows 1,020 towns and villages.

First edition in an atlas, Blaeu’s 1631 “Theatrum Orbis Terrarum..,” had Latin text on the back. Beginning 1634 editions, the verso was blank.



c. 1638 Merian: "MAGNI DVCATVS LITHVANIÆ..," Frankfurt, from Book IX of *Theatrum Europaeum*, " 32.4 cm x 36.8 cm / 12.75 x 14.5 inches



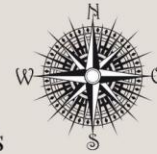
1648 Blaeu: "MAGNI DVCATVS LITHVANIÆ..," Amsterdam, 44 x 52 cm / 17.3 x 20.5 inches, from the c. 1689 "Dirk van der Hagen [composite] Atlas"

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“The Art and Cartography in the Age of Medici” presented by
Jonah Rosenberg (D.Phil, Oxon.), Head of Rare Books, Arader Galleries
and Andrew Kapochunas, Secretary, New York Map Society on



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Gastronomic experience will be provided by Chef Ms. Rūta Paulauskiene

The Medici were at once individuals and interchangeable members of a broad dynasty.
Exhibition “The Art and Cartography in the Age of Medici” includes exceptional maps and
atlases, as well as some spectacular material in natural history, the arts and history.

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