

One version of the map I'll be discussing – Andrew Kapochunas



c. 1670 Frederick de Wit: "REGNI POLONIÆ et Dvcatus LITHVANIÆ..," Amsterdam, 19.37 x 22.44 inches / 56 x 48 cm, with the First State of the cartouche. *Royal Danish Library*: www.kb.dk via www.LithuanianMaps.com



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www.raremaps.com



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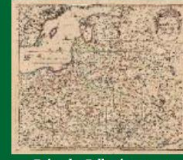
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c. 1680 Frederick de Wit: "REGNI POLONIÆ et Ducatus LITHVANIÆ, Voliniae, Podoliae Vcraniae Prvssiae et Cvrlandia Novissima et Correctissima Descriptio...," Amsterdam, 19.37 x 22.44 inches / 56 x 48 cm, in versions with the **First State** of the cartouche. See the page "MapmakersT-Z" and the info on Wit for examples of the different states of the cartouche. Note that some of the examples have four ships in the Baltic, and others have three. Compare with versions c. 1685, c. 1689 and 1700. See the van Schragen copy, c. 1690.

I now believe there were at least three states of the plate of "REGNI POLONIÆ et Ducatus LITHVANIÆ, Voliniae, Podoliae, Vcraniae Prvssiae et Cvrlandia Novissima et Correctissima Descriptio":

1. First state cartouche: "REGNI POLONIÆ et Ducatus LITHVANIÆ... descriptio emendata per F. de Wit. Amstelodami" -- published 1680-88. Baltic Sea has either 3 or 4 ships -- buyer's option.
2. Second state cartouche: "...per F. de Witt Cum Privilegio D.D. Ordinum Hollandiae Westfrisiae (note added "t" in his last name) -- published 1689-99. Baltic Sea now has a mileage chart.
3. Third State cartouche: "Reipublicae et Status Generalis POLONIÆ Nova Tabula, Comprehendens MAIORIS et MINORIS POLONIÆ REGNI, Magni Ducatus LITVANIÆ...Accuratum Descriptionem Per F. de Wit Amstelodami, Cum. Priv. D.D. Ordin. Holl. Westfrisiae" (His name is back to one "t") published beginning 1700, with a mileage chart.

My story began when I emailed Barry Lawrence Ruderman that a new map offered on his site – *a version of the map on my first slide -- was imperfectly described:*

“The description of stock # 108138 not only has an error, describing your map as having four ships in the Baltic, when there are only three, but there's a much bigger story to the map, as detailed on my site at <https://www.lithuanianmaps.com/MapmakersT-Z.html> ”

George Carhart

FREDERICK DE WIT

AND THE FIRST CONCISE REFERENCE ATLAS



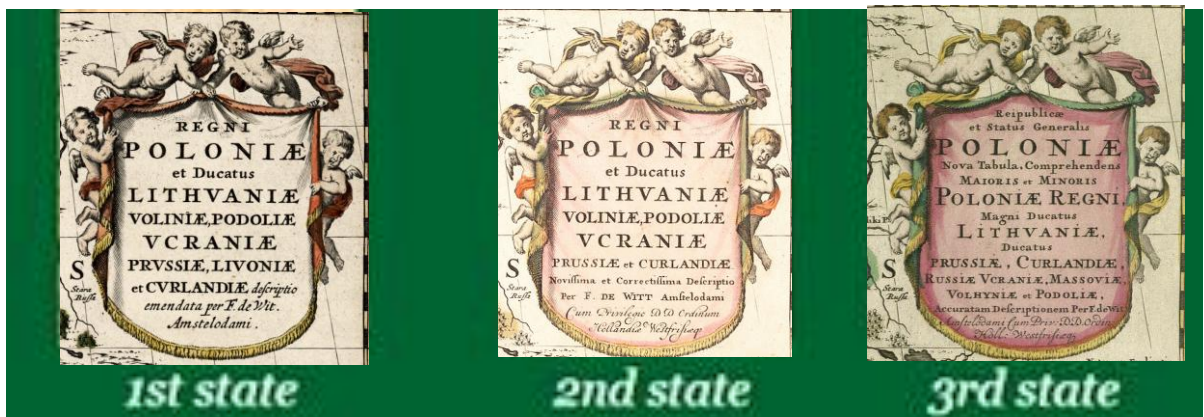
Sophia Pignatelli at raremaps.com replied, thanking me, but also saying she had recently gotten George Carhart's 2016 book, published by Brill, and that there was a lot more to know about this series.

I ordered it, wondering how I would have to change my own description of the series on my sites:

<https://www.lithuanianmaps.com/>

and its successor site:

<https://lietuvoskartografija.lt/lithuanianmaps/>



AK: 1680-88
“Imago Poloniae”:
 K32/1-6 1670-89

AK 1689-99
“Imago Poloniae”:
 K32/7-8 1670-89

AK: 1700 –
“Imago Poloniae”:
 K33/1-2 1670-90



GC: Map 94.1-5
1668-88

GC: Map 94.6-7
1691-96

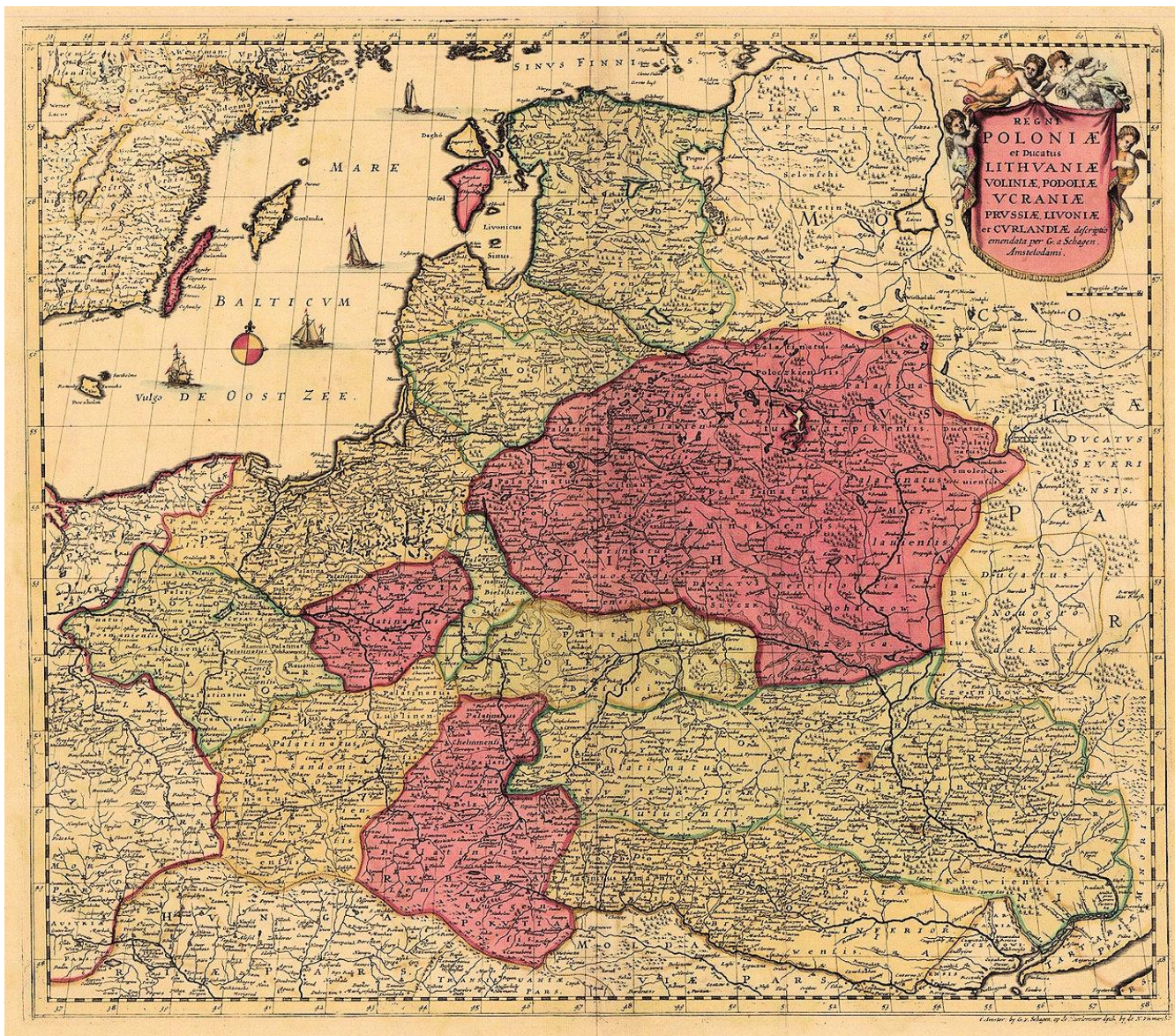
GC: Map 94.8-10
1697-1721+



4th cartouche state?
AK: c. 1690

While my dates need correction, I was relieved that Carhart agreed that there were the same three states of the cartouche – **but on ten states of the plate!**

Meanwhile, looking again at the maps on my site, I noticed a copycat map from 1690 by G. Schagen: a 4th cartouche on an 11th plate?



As noted on my map sites:

“c. 1690 Gerrit Lucasz van Schagen (engraver/cartographer -- and copier with changes -- of maps by Visscher and Wit): "REGNI POLONIAE et Ducatus LITHUANIAE, ...," Amsterdam, 49 x 55.5 cm, in what is a copy of Wit's First State of the same-titled map/cartouche, with changes in outlines of some islands, especially Bornholm, overall size, lettering, and, of course, attribution [so as to avoid a suit by Wit over his privilege].”

I'll be asking Carhart about this map.

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