Hartmann globe gores

Cartographer: Georg Hartmann
Date: 1535
Size: 13.5 x 27 cm
Location: Würtenbergische Landesbibliothek, Stuttgart Nic. S.79.45

In the Nicolai collection in the Württembergische Landesbibliothek there is a set of twelve gores signed by the Nuremberg instrument and globe maker Georg Hartmann who was active there from the early 1530s until his death in 1569. The gores are finely engraved on copper and in geographic details are not inconsistent with the date of 1535 which is found on Hartmann’s companion set of celestial gores. However, the characteristic coastline of North America, and its separation from Asia suggest derivation from Mercator’s world map of 1538 and the gores could be of later date. Note the much larger gores in Shirley, Entry 71, possibly also by Hartmann; also the sets of gores by Francis Demongenet (shown below) all of which are very similar in content and style, likewise the twin polar hemispheres attributed to Jost Amman, Entry 113, in Shirley.

Reference:
*Shirley, R.W., The Mapping of the World, #72, pp. 79-83, Plate 64.

*illustrated
Set of gores by Francis Demongenet, 1552