



A fine 17th century map of Worcestershire

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Worcestershire described...

London: Thomas Bassett & Richard Chiswell, 1676, Coloured. 380 x 510mm.

£500

An important map of Worcestershire, engraved by Jodocus Hondius for John Speed's county atlas, 'The Theatre of the Empire of Great Britain', first published 1611-12. It is one of the most decorative maps of the county, with ornate cartouches for the title and scale, an inset plan of Worcester, the arms of local nobles and a vignette battle scene representing the Battle of Evesham in 1265. An English text on the reverse gives a history of the county and an extensive list of towns and villages.

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