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17th century map of Oxfordshire

JANSSON, Jan. Oxonium Comitatus Vulgo Oxford Shire.

Amsterdam, Schenk & Valk, c.1680, blank verso. Original colour. 380 x 480mm.

£500

Jansson's map of Oxfordshire, with fine body colour, decorated with 18 armorials on banners held aloft by putti and a title cartouche featuring two scholars. After Jan Jansson died in 1664 the business was shared between his two daughters (a share each) and his nephews and nieces (also one share). The firm continued for another decade, but in 1674 the assets were put into auction. Much was bought by Petrus Schenk and Leonard Valk, including the plates for the Novus Atlas, of which this is one. Apart from adding their names they have added grid lines.

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