



Map of Renfrewshire from the first atlas of Scotland

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Præfectura Renfroana Vulgo dicata Baronia. The Baronie of Rengrow. Timotheus Pont Auctor.

Amsterdam: Johannes Blaeu, 1662, Latin edition. Original colour. 395 x 540mm.

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A 17th century map of Renfrewshire, with elaborate cartouches for title, scale and blank dedication. Paisley is marked with its abbey, as is Glasgow, despite being in the adjoining county. This was the first printed map of Renfrewshire, as surveyed by Timothy Pont (1565-1614) who had mapped most of Scotland in superb detail in the 1580s and 1590s. Despite the quality of his work and the attention of James I & VI, his atlas was not published until forty years after his death, as Volume 6 of Blaeu's 'Atlas Novus'. This example comes from the eleven-volume 'Atlas Major'.

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