



A scarce miniature map of the British Isles

HONDIUS, Jodocus II.
Magna Britannia.

Amsterdam: Willem Blaeu, 1639. 100 x 135mm.

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A map of England, Wales, Scotland and the east of Ireland, orientated with north to the right. It was engraved by Jodocus Hondius II for a revised edition of the Bertius 'Tabularum geographicarum contractarum' of 1616, which King describes as 'the finest set of miniature maps ever printed'. This example was issued in a Dutch pocket edition of 'Camden's Britannia'. Hondius (c.1594-1629) was the son of the Jodocus Hondius who engraved the John Speed county maps. He left the family business to set up on his own c.1621; after his early death many of his copper plates were sold to the rival Blaeu firm.

SHIRLEY: British Isles 1477-1650 492b; KING: Antique Miniature Maps p.96.

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