



A scarce miniature map of Wales

HONDIUS, Jodocus II.
Cambria.

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

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A map of Wales after Humfrey Lhuyd, engraved by Hondius for his new 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 490; KING: Miniature Antique Maps, p. 96-99.

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