



A miniature map of eastern England

HONDIUS, Jodocus II.
Eboracum, Lincolnia, Derbia, Staffordiae etc.

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

£80

A reduced version of Mercator's map of eastern England, issued as one of five regions of England and Wales, with the coast from Norfolk to Yorkshire, with Lincolnshire, Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire and Staffordshire, as well as parts of Lancashire and Cheshire. It was engraved for a new edition of the Bertius 'Tabularum geographicarum contractarum' published by Hondius in 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.

KING: Miniature Antique Maps, p. 96-99.

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