



The First Edition of Speed's map of Gloucestershire

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Gloucestershire contrived into thirty three severall hundreds & those againe into foure principall devidions. The Citie of Glocester & Bristowe discribed with the armes of such noble men as have bene dignified with ye titles of Earles & Dukes thereof.

London: John Sudbury & George Humble, 1611. Coloured. 380 x 510mm.

£1,800

Engraved by Jodocus Hondius in 1610, this is one of the most decorative maps of the county, with inset plans of Bristol and Gloucester, a royal crest, 10 armorials and two stylised battles. This example comes from the first edition of John Speed's important atlas, 'The Theatre of the Empire of Great Britain'.

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