



A rare edition of Speed's map of the north & East Ridings of Yorkshire

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 The North and East Ridings of Yorkshire.

London: Roger Rea, 1665. Coloured. 395 x 520mm.

£980

One of the most famous maps of the two ridings, engraved by Jodocus Hondius in 1610 and first published in Speed's 'Theatre of the Empire of Great Britain', 1611-12. The two inset town plans are Richmond and York, and decorations include a strapwork title cartouche, a scale cartouche featuring cherubs with a pair of compasses, the Royal Crest, the arms of twenty nobles and sea monsters and galleons. The English text on the reverse gives a brief history and a gazetteer. This example comes from the Roger Rea issue, which was beset with disaster: according to an advert for the 1676 Bassett & Chiswell edition, "the greatest part of an Impression, then newly Printed, [was] destroyed by the late dreadful Fire, 1666". Surviving examples of any Rea map are thus rare.

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