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## Leicester both Countye and Citie described, The Honorable Families that have had the titles of Earle thereof, With other accidents therein observed.

**Stock#:** 100446  
**Map Maker:** Speed  
**Date:** 1627 circa  
**Place:** London  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 20 x 15 inches  
**Price:** \$ 575.00



### Description:

Nice example of this decorative double-page engraved county map of Leicester by John Speed. Very attractively designed, the map shows the region in great detail delimiting Hundreds and county lines, as well as walled hunting reserves and many other features.

The map includes a number of coats of arms, including those of Robert Dudley and John of Gaunt, important members of the royal family. The map includes an inset of Leicester in the lower left, showing the town and nearby streams. A key lists thirty-four places of interest and the royal coat of arms of the United Kingdom is shown.

Particularly interesting is the depiction on the lower right of the 1485 battle between the houses of York and Lancaster, part of the War of the Roses. This Battle of Bosworth Field was the last major battle of the war and culminated in the death of the tyrant Richard III. As with Shakespeare, depiction of this battle in a manner favorable to the current ruling family would have helped Speed's political connections.

The map includes insets of Leicester, eight coats of arms, plus a large English coat of arms, battle scenes, etc.

### Detailed Condition: