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England Wales Scotland and Ireland: described and abridged with ye historic relation of things worth memory from a farr larger voulume

Stock#: 84454
Map Maker: Speed
Date: 1627 i.e. [1632?]
Place: London
Color: (See Description)
Condition: Good
Size: 6 x 4 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Early Pocket-Sized Speed Atlas of England & Wales

Shakespeare's Britain

A very nice miniature Speed atlas, the second such production after the edition of 1627. Skelton identified three distinct editions, all of which had the same engraved title page dated 1627. The maps are by Pieter van den Keere. Although the title page states 1627, ESTC suggests a date of 1632 for this edition. The example at hand with leaf A2v line 14 of text ending: behoue- (conforming to STC 23036).

This is the second in a series of 'pocket editions' of Speed's atlas. The type setting is different from the first pocket edition (STC 23035; Skelton 17) but the title page and the maps are printed from the same plates. This edition was probably issued in 1632. It contains 63 maps. The map of 'Midia', although listed as no. 64 in the contents table is omitted. 40 of the maps are printed from Pieter van den Keere's plates of 1599 or later with some re-engraving. The 23 new maps are generally cruder in execution and do not seem to be from Van den Keere's hand. - STC

The reference in the title to a "farr larger Voulume Done by John Speed" refers to his *Theatre of the Empire of Great Britaine* (1611), issued in folio.

With a table: *A Catalogue of all the Shires, Citties, Bishopricks, Market Townes, Castles, Parishes, Rivers, Bridges, Chases, Forrests, and Parkes, conteyned in every particular shire of the Kingdom of England.*

According to Skelton, who compiled a detailed table showing the development of cracks in the plates of some of the maps, the actual dates for the three editions "may be assumed to be those of the folio editions



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of the *Theatre* in 1627, 1632, and 1646."

The map of Ireland is present herein and in very nice condition.

Includes the following maps:

1. England, Scotland, and Ireland.
2. The Kingdome of England.
3. Kent.
4. Sussex.
5. Surrey.
6. Southampton.
7. The Isle of Wight .
8. Dorcetshire.
9. Devonshire.
10. Cornwall.
11. Somersetshire.
12. Wiltshire.
13. Barkshire.
14. Middlesex.
15. Essex County.
16. Suffolk.
17. Norfolk.
18. Cambridgeshire.
19. Hartfordshire.
20. Bedfordshire.
21. Buckinghamshire.
22. Oxfordshire. [vertical break through center, a defect in the copper-plate].
23. Glocestershire [out of order]
24. Herefordshire.
25. Worcestershire.
26. Warwickeshire.
27. Northamptonshire.
28. Huntingtongshire.
29. Rutlandshire.
30. Leicestershire.



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31. Lincolnshire.
32. Notinghamshire
33. Darbyshire.
34. Staffordshire.
35. Shropshire.
36. Chester.
37. Lancashire.
38. Yorkshire. [Small tape repair to verso, tiny one-inch paper loss (sliver) in upper left corner, affecting a few letters].
39. Bishopprick of Durham.
40. Westmoreland and Cumberland.
41. Northumberland.
42. The Isle of Man.
43. The Holy Land / Garnsey / Farne Isle / Jersey.
44. Wales.
45. Pembrokeshire.
46. Radnorshire.
47. Glamorganshire.
48. Monmouthshire.
49. Montgomeryshire.
50. Denbighshire and Flint.
51. Anglesey and Carnarvan.
52. The Kingdome of Scotland.
53. The South pt. of Scotland wherin are contayned Edinbrough, St. Andrew and Clasco, Archbisho:
54. The Southern parte of Scotland, wherin is ye Strange Lake Lomund.
55. **[LACKING:] Easterne part of Scotland.**
56. Part of Scotland, Stranauern.
57. The Iles of Hebrides.
58. **[LACKING:] Cathanes and Orknay.**
59. The Kingdom of Irland.
60. Mounster.
61. Leinster.
62. Connaught.
63. Ulster.



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Detailed Condition:

Oblong octavo (but 12mo in size). 18th-century reversed calf, rebacked at an early date. Some separation of leather at upper outer joint. Free endpapers excised. Engraved title page (with old color), 61 (of 63) engraved maps, by Pieter Van den Keere, including 2 folding (British Isles and Yorkshire). The map of Bedfordshire is bound in upside down. Lacking two maps: Easterne part of Scotland; Cathanes and Orknay (though a map of Midia is listed in the table, it was never issued in recorded examples). Signatures: A-Z⁸ [chi]⁴ Unpaginated: engraved title page, [376] pages. Except for lacking 2 maps, a nice clean example, with only minor foxing to some of the maps. The maps all dark impressions with good-sized margins. Engraved armorial bookplate of William Milbourne of Lincolns Inn.