



THE FIRST LARGE-SCALE MAP OF SURREY

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A Topographical Map of the County of Surrey In which is Expressed all the Roads, Lanes, Churches, Noblemen, and Gentlemen's Seats, &c. &c., the Principal Observations, By the Late John Rocque, Topographer to His Majesty, Completed and Engrav'd by Peter Andrews. To His Royal Highness William Henry Duke of Gloucester & Edinburgh and Earl of Connaught in Ireland. This Actual Survey of the County of Surrey in most humbly inscrib'd by his Royal Highness's most humble and obliged Servant. Mary Ann Rocque.

Cartographer	ROCQUE, John.
Date	1770
Stock #:	25119
Publication:	London: Mary Anne Rocque, 1768-c.1770. Nine sheets, dissectioned into 36 segments as issued, each c.275 x 340mm, total if joined 1650 x 2040mm.
Condition:	Some wear at edges. This example was originally issued dissectioned and laid on linen but has, at some stage, been lifted from the linen backing.

DESCRIPTION:

A highly detailed map of Surrey, surveyed on the massive scale of two inches to a mile by John Rocque, but first published after his death by his widow, Mary Anne (née Bew).

The map is dedicated to the Duke of Gloucester, younger brother of George III. In the very decorative title cartouche he is shown sitting on a cloud beside Apollo and the Muses, with Urania holding a surveyor's theodolite.

The map was first published in 1760; this example comes from the second of three states identified by MapForum, with a few names added but before the addition of Richmond Bridge c.1775.

According to 'British Map Engravers', the Peter Andrews who completed the map is probably the Pierre André who witnessed John Rocque's will in 1761.