



A SCARCE ISSUE OF JOHN SPEED'S MAP OF NORTHUMBERLAND

£600.00

Northumberland.

Cartographer [SPEED, John.](#)

Date 1665

Stock #: 24023

Publication: London, Roger Rea & Son, 1665. Coloured.
380 x 510mm.

Condition: A good example.

DESCRIPTION:

An important map of Northumberland, engraved by Jodocus Hondius for John Speed's county atlas, 'The Theatre of the Empire of Great Britain', first published 1611-12. It is one of the most decorative maps of the county, with inset plans of Berwick and Newcastle, armorials and antiquities. An English text on the reverse gives a history of the county and an extensive list of towns and villages.

This example comes from the Roger Rea issue of the atlas, 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.