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**Somerset-Shire Described ad in to Hundreds devided,with the plott of the famous
wholsom waters and citie of the Bathe. by I.S.**

Stock#: 26449
Map Maker: Speed
Date: 1676
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 20 x 15 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Decorative map of Somerset, from an early edition of Speed's *Theatre of Great Britain*.

Includes a plan of Bath, a number of coats of arms and other embellishments.

John Speed (1552-1629) is arguably the most famous English cartographer of any period. His *The Theatre Of The Empire Of Great Britaine*, consisting of maps of each of the individual English counties are perhaps the best known and most soughtafter of all county maps. The maps themselves were derived from the best and most up-to-date sources available, predominantly those of Saxton and Norden. However, Speed also made innovations of his own, including the introduction of town plans on many of the maps, vignette scenes of topographical, historical or archaeological interest and also the coats of arms of local Earls and Dukes.

Detailed Condition:

Minor toning. Narrow irregular uipper margin, with old reinforcement on verso.