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Oxfordshire described with ye Citie and the Armes of the Colledges of ye famous University ao. 1605

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Description:

Beautiful example of John Speed's map of Oxford, from Speed's *Theatre of Great Britain*, first published in 1611.

Oxfordshire is shown in its early 17th-century configuration, somewhat smaller than it is today, with lands to the south still shown as part of Berkshire.

Two Oxford scholars are shown measuring out the scale of miles on a loose terrestrial globe.

In the upper right is a detailed view map of the town of Oxford at the beginning of the 17th century, many buildings, roads, fields, and city walls are shown pictorially. The rivers Thames and Cherwell are shown winding through Oxford's bridges and oxbows.

Below the map of the city of Oxford is a key to landmarks, largely colleges:

- A. Sainte Giles
- B. Sainte Johns Colledge
- C. Trinitie Colledge
- D. Balliol Colledge
- E. Magdalaine Church
- F. Saint Michaels
- G. Jesus Colledge
- H. Exiter Colledge



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- I. Universitie Schooles
- K. Lincolne Colledge
- L. All Hallowes
- M. Saint Martins
- N. Corne Markett
- O. St. Peters in ye Bailie
- P. The Castle
- Q. Saint Thomas
- R. Saint Ebbes
- S. Saint Aldates
- T. Christes Church Col:
- V. Christes Church
- W. Coprus Chr: Colledge
- X. Merton Colledge
- Y. Saint Maries
- Z. All Soules Colledge
- 1. Universitie Colledge
- 2. Brasenose Colledge
- 3. Oriall Colledge
- 4. East gate

On the left and right borders are eighteen coats of arms of the Oxford colleges along with their founding dates, going back to University College in 872 (this based on a 14th-century legend, which modern historians doubt).

Detailed Condition:

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