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Map Maker: Speed
Date: 1646
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
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Description:

John Speed's map of Connacht, the westernmost and wildest of Ireland's four provinces.

The map shows west at the top of the map, which highlights how the lough-scarred landscape gives way to the Atlantic Ocean. The transition between land and sea is not rigid here: it is a gradual tumbling.

Cities, towns, rivers, loughs, and islands are all named on this map. To the left, the cities of Limerick and Galway can be found. Connacht originated as a collection of Gaelic kingdoms which were incorporated into a kingdom in the 9th century. It would maintain its independence until civil war in the 13th century allowed for Norman conquest. Many of the reigning Norman families adopted Gaelic culture, and escaped English influence into the late 16th century.

This map originally appeared in Speed's *Epitome*. The maps in this volume were engraved by Peter Van Den Keere (Petrus Kaerius).

Detailed Condition:

See through to text on verso. Minor water damage along a vertical line at the center of the map. Large break in the copperplate toward the center of the image.