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## (Durham) Episcopatus Dunelmensis vulgo The Bishoprike of Durham

**Stock#:** 78751  
**Map Maker:** Blaeu  
**Date:** 1646 circa  
**Place:** Amsterdam  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 19.5 x 15 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

Fine original antique map of County Durham in northernmost England. The map shows the region in fine detail and with decorative elements typical for the Dutch Golden Age of Cartography. This map was published by William Janszoon Blaeu in Amsterdam as part of a series of maps showing the British counties.

County Durham, centered on the ancient city of Durham, home to its eponymous cathedral and the third oldest English university, is a traditional independent part of the country, having traditionally been governed by bishops. It is sandwiched next to the North Sea adjacent to the counties of Northumberland and the North Riding of Yorkshire, and its many rolling hills are apparent on this map. Walled gardens, termed parks, show lands associated with aristocratic ownership and outside the realm of common usage.

Decorative elements on the map abound, with sailing ships, a compass rose, the royal coat of arms featuring a unicorn and lion, and a cartouche showing two shepherds.

### Detailed Condition:

Minor fold toning, and small split in seam. Trimmed to neatline and mounted on a larger sheet of contemporary blank paper.