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Merionethshire Described. Performed by John Speede...and sold by Thomas Bassett...

Stock#: t0006
Map Maker: Speed
Date: 1676
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 20 x 15 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Attractive color example of Speed's map of Merionethshire, including an inset of Harlech, two coats of arms, a decorative distance scale, and a decorative compass rose. Merionethshire was one of the earliest counties created in Wales, dating from 1284 but was also one of the most desolate and poorest counties in England and Wales at the time. (Nicolson) The map has been re-backed on a heavy paper and is slightly age toned. Speed's Theatre of the Empire of Great Britain... was first published in 1612, employing maps which Speed began publishing individually as early as 1596. It is without doubt the most famous of all English County Atlases, appearing in various editions for over 100 years. The map is backed with a non-archival backing and has minor toning, but overall is an attractive example, with a significant price reduction to account for condition.

Detailed Condition: