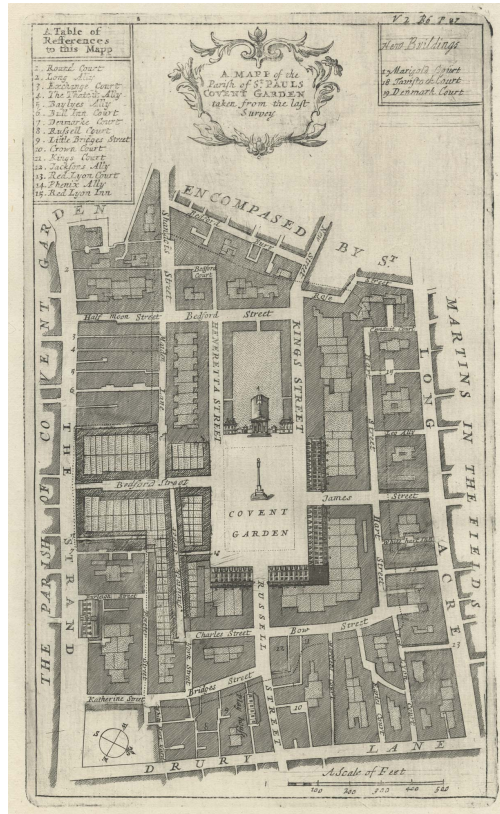




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A PLAN OF COVENT GARDEN AT THE END OF THE 17TH CENTURY

£200.00

A Mapp of the Parish of S.t Pauls Covent Garden taken from the last Survey.

Cartographer	BLOME, Richard.
Date	1720
Stock #:	25170
Publication:	London: Awnsham Churchill, John Knapton et al, 1720. 315 x 190mm.
Condition:	A good example.

DESCRIPTION:

A fine example of the first printed map to focus on Covent Garden, engraved by Richard Blome c.1695 but not published until 1720, with his name removed from the title.

Orientated with north to the top right, the map covers the area within Bedford Street, Long Acre, Drury Lane and the Strand, with St Paul's Church shown as an elevation. A 19-point key lists some of the smaller courts and alleys.

In 1695 William III granted Blome a privilege to publish 'A Survey or description of the citties of London and Westminstr'. Although a few of the parish maps with Blome's name exist in the British Library, the series was not published until John's Strype's 'A Survey of the Cities of London and Westminster', a continuation of 'Stow's Survey'. This example comes from the first edition, with no apparent attempt to update Blome's mapping.