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A SCARCE ISSUE OF SPEED'S MAP OF DERBYSHIRE

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Darbieshire described. Anno 1610.

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| Cartographer | SPEED, John. |
| Date | 1676 |
| Stock #: | 23821 |
| Publication: | London: Roger Rea, 1665. Coloured. 385 x 515mm. |
| Condition: | A good example. |

DESCRIPTION:

One of the most famous maps of the county, engraved by Jodocus Hondius in 1610 for John Speed's county atlas, 'The Theatre of the Empire of Great Britain', 1611-1612. The decorations include an inset plan of Derby and a view of Buxton Wells, a compass rose, the Royal Arms and armorials of six local nobles. On the reverse is a letterpress description of the county and a gazetteer.

This example comes from the Roger Rea issue, which was beset with disaster: according to an advert for the 1676 Bassett & Chiswell edition, "the greatest part of an Impression, then newly Printed, [was] destroyed by the late dreadful Fire, 1666". Surviving examples of any Rea map are thus rare.