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## AN UNCOMMON EDITION OF SPEED'S COUNTY MAP OF SHROPSHIRE

**£800.00**

Shropshyre Described. The Sittuation of Shrowesbury Shewed With the Armes of thos Earles, and other Memorable things observed.

<b>Cartographer</b>	SPEED, John.
<b>Date</b>	1665
<b>Stock #:</b>	23832
<b>Publication:</b>	London: Roger Rea, 1665. Coloured. 390 x 515mm.
<b>Condition:</b>	A good example.

### DESCRIPTION:

John Speed's famous map of Shropshire, engraved by Jodocus Hondius in 1610 and first published in his county atlas, 'The Theatre of the Empire of Great Britain', in 1611-12. It is decorated with a large frame containing the Royal arms, the arms of Roger Montgomery & John Talbot and a compass rose; a plan of Shrewsbury with an extensive key; and a vignette of the Battle of Shrewsbury in 1403, between Henry IV and Sir Henry Percy (Harry Hotspur).

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.