



A MONUMENTAL SIX-SHEET MAP OF MIDDLESEX, ESSEX AND HERTFORDSHIRE

£6,500.00

A New and Correct Mapp of Middlesex, Essex and Hertford-shire with the Roads, Rivers, Sea Coasts &c., Actually Surveyed by John Warburton, Somerset Herald & F.R.S., Joseph Bland and Paylor Smith, Gents.

Cartographer	WARBURTON, John.
Date	1726
Stock #:	25159
Publication:	1725. Original colour. Six sheets conjoined, total 1155 x 1850mm
Condition:	Laid on linen.

DESCRIPTION:

A large and detailed rare map of the three counties, marking Ogilby's roads, engraved by Samuel Parker. It is augmented by a border containing 736 armorials of the local nobility, whose subscriptions paid for the publication. There is also a large title cartouche, an explanation of the map and an explanation of the armorials (including the engraver's colour code).

The map was surveyed between 1721 & 1724, when there was a demand replace the surveys that had not been updated since Speed, well over a century before. The work was undertaken using the old techniques like the surveyor's wheel rather than trigonometry, and names seem to have been recorded phonetically, for example 'Tuddington' (Teddington), 'Istleworth' (Isleworth) and 'Slow' (Slough).

John Warburton (1682-1759) was Somerset Herald of Arms in Ordinary from 1720 until his death, accounting for his interest in the arms around this map. He was a fellow of the Society of Antiquaries.

Despite the large number of subscribers few examples of this separate-issue map survive because they were often displayed as wall maps and were often damaged.