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ARROWSMITH’S RARE WALL MAP OF ENGLAND AND WALES

A Map of the Hills, Rivers, Canals, and Principal Roads, of England and Wales. Upon a Scale of Six Miles to an Inch. Exhibiting most of the Places whose Situation has been ascertained by the Statioat auctionatns and Intersections of the Trigonometrical Survey. Compiled by A. Arrowsmith.

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Large engraved wall map, dissected and mounted on linen, full wash colour, dissected and mounted on linen, edged in blue silk.

Dimensions
1820 by 1450mm (71.75 by 57 inches).

Notes

First published in 1813 a great deal of the map is based upon the work of the Ordnance Survey which had, by 1813, successfully mapped most of southern Britain. The present map is updated to 1820.

Aaron Arrowsmith (1750-1823) was the finest cartographer of his generation. Although he received little formal education it is believed that he was taught some mathematical instruction by William Emerson, an author of several books on the application of mathematics to the area of cartography. Around 1770, Arrowsmith moved to London to seek employment. It is believed that he worked for William Faden before joining John Cary Sr. in the early 1780s. There he provided the measurements for John Cary's early publication detailing the roads from London to Falmouth, his first signed work. Arrowsmith set up on his own in 1790 and over the next thirty years produced some of the most beautiful and elegant maps of the era.

Bibliography

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