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EARL CONINGSBY'S COMPOSITE ATLAS OF THE BRITISH ISLES

[Composite Atlas of England and Wales]

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Dimensions

Notes

A fine composite atlas containing separately issued maps by some of the leading English mapmakers of the late seventeenth century: William Berry, Robert Greene, and Robert Morden.

The first five maps in the atlas cover England and Wales, Scotland and Ireland. The first, a two sheet map of England and Wales by William Berry, is in the rare second state (with a dedication to James II), with only four institutional examples recorded; the next three are all by Robert Greene: his 'Royal' map of England and Wales bearing portraits of both Charles II and Queen Catherine, is known in only three institutional examples; his map of Scotland is the first map of the country to show roads; whereas his map of Ireland, is known in only one institutional example in the Bibliotheque nationale de France. Morden's map of then British Isles is here in a possibly unrecorded state, with the royal family tree showing Mary and Anne to be the children of Charles II and Queen Mary, and not as the offspring of his first marriage to Anne Hyde. An error that would be corrected in later states.

The subsequent 49 maps – 36 by Johannes Janssonius ad 13 by John Speed – cover all the English and Welsh counties.

Although there is no title page, the atlas was probably compiled in or around 1687. The only map that bears a date is Greene's map of Scotland, 1686. Berry's map of England and Wales, bear a dedication to James II who abdicated in 1688. Finally, Morden's map bears Philip Lea's address 'at the Atlas and Hercules in Cheapside', to which he moved between Michaelmas 1686 and Trinity 1687.

Contents

1) BERRY, William. A New Mapp of the Kingdome of England and Wales, containing all the Cities, Market Towns, with the Roades, from Town to Town. And the Number of Reputed Miles between them are given by Inspection withour scale or compass. London, William Berry, at the Sign of the Globe, [c1687]. Engraved map on two sheets, original outline hand-colour with distance tables to left and right margin. Shirley, British Isles, Berry 2, state 1, with the dedication to James II.

Berry's rare separately issued reduction of Adams's distance map of England and Wales – the first thematic map of the country.

Shirley records one institutional example: British Library; OCLC records a further three examples bearing the dedication to James II: Cambridge University Library; The Bodleian Library, Oxford; and the National Library of Scotland.

2) GREENE, Robert. The Royal Map of England. Containig not only ye Citties, Market Towns, & all Parliamentary Townes, but also the Rivers, Highwaie, sea ports, and Many other places of remark. London, Sold by Rob. Greene, at the Rose & Crown Bulgrow [c1682]. Engraved map, original outline hand-colour. Shirley, British Isles, Greene 1.

An entry in the 'Term Catalogue' for February 1682, advertises the map for sale under Greene's name only; a later advertisement later that month would included the name of William Berry as joint seller. The map's 'Royal' Title is due to to the vignette full length portraits of both Charles II, and Queen Catherine, to the upper left and right respectively. Charles is also shown throned in the House of Lords (upper left), and the Commons is shown in session (upper right). Below the portraits of the King and Queen are eight further portraits of: 'The Robe of a Prince'; 'A Duke'; 'A Marquesse'; 'An Earl'; 'A Viscount'; 'A Knight of ye Garter'; 'A Judge'; and 'A Bishop'.

We are only able to trace three institutional examples: The British Library; The Bibliotheque natoinale de France; and the Swedish National Archives.

3) GREENE, Robert. A New Map of Scotland With the Roads. [London], By Rob. Greene a the Rose and Crown in Bulg row. Where you may have all sorts of Mapps. [c1687]. Engraved map, original hand-colour in outline.

NLS EMS.s.798; Fleet, Wilkes and Withers p. 204; Moir, D.G. Vol. 1, p.173; Term Catalogues Vol. I p. 359 & Vol. II p. 281; Tyacke p. 117.

Scoland's earliest road map.

The map, engraved by Francis Lamb, was first advertised in the Term Catalogue, bearing the names of both Robert Greene and William Berry, in 1679. The present map is the second state bearing the imprint of Greene only. According to Moir it was issued sometime before 1689 when it was advertised by his eldest sister Elizabeth. Greene was a map seller, as opposed to a maker such as Berry, and could also supply a printing press to the relationship. The cartouche describes Greene's shop as a place "Where you may have all sorts of Mapps." This second state dates from before his death which was recorded 12 February 1688. As he was a widower the business was left to his son Nathan; however, being underage the business was left in the care of his eldest sister Elizabeth.
4) GREENE, Robert. A Mapp of Ireland with the Roads and Baronies. [London] By Rob. Greene, at the Rose and Crowne in Budge-row, [16]86. Engraved map, original hand-colour in outline.
One of the earliest maps of Ireland to depict roads. Greene's separately published map is particularly rare. We are unaware of another example appearing on the market since the war. The only institutional example we could trace is in the Bibliotheque nationale de France.
5) MORDEN, Robert. A New Mapp of England Scotland and Ireland. London, Sold by Robert Morden at the Atlas in Cornhill. And qby Phillip Lea at the Atlas and Hercules in Cheapside, and by John Seller at the West-end of St Paul's at ye signe of the Mapp of the World, [c1687].
Engraved map, original hand-colour in outline.
Morden's map, first published in 1678, is based upon Morden and Greene's larger map on six sheets published in 1674; the first map to show the principal roads on all the British Isles. Although the roads of Ireland are omitted on this reduced version, the rendering of Connaught peninsula is retained. Below the title is the imprints of Robert Morden, Philip Lea and John Seller. Lea's address of 'Atlas and Hercules in Cheapside', suggests that the present map was published shortly after Lea moved to Cheapside in the Christmas of 1686 (Shirley, British Isles, state 3).
To the right is a genealogical tree of all the kings and queens of England. The present state has been updated to include William and Mary, as well as Anne, though curiously Mary and Anne are marked – erroneously – as the offspring of James's marriage to Mary of Modena, and not the children from his first marriage to Anne Hyde. The error was quickly rectified as other examples bearing the same imprint bear the correct lineage. In fact we have been unable to trace another example of this particular state of the map.
Shirley, British Isles, Morden 4, state 3, but without Anne Hyde in the genealogy.
6) JANSSONIUS, Johannes. Hantoniae…
7) JANSSONIUS, Johannes. Buckinghamiae…
8) JANSSONIUS, Johannes. Comitatus Cantabrigiensis…
9) JANSSONIUS, Johannes. Cestria….
10) SPEED, John. Cornwall…. [1676] – trimmed to neatline and laid down on old paper.
11) JANSSONIUS, Johannes. Cumbria & Westmoria…
12) JANSSONIUS, Darbiensis….
13) SPEED, John. Devonshire…. [1676] – trimmed to neatline and laid down on old paper.
14) JANSSONIUS, Johannes. Comitatus Dorcestria…
15) JANSSONIUS, Johannes. Episcopatus Dunelmensis….
16) JANSSONIUS, Johannes. Essexiae Descriptio…
17) JANSSONIUS, Johannes. Glocestria ducatus, cum Monumethensi…
18) SPEED, John. Hartford shire…. [1676] – trimmed to neatline and laid down on old paper.
19) JANSSONIUS, Johannes. Herefordia…
20) JANSSONIUS, Johannes. Huntingdonensis…
21) JANSSONIUS, Johannes. Cantium…
22) SPEED, John. The Countie Pallatine of Lancaster… [1676] – trimmed to neatline and laid down on old paper.
23)JANSSONIUS, Johannes. Leicetrensis…
24) SPEED, John. The Countie and Citie of Lyncolne… [1676] – trimmed to neatline and laid down on old paper.

25) SPEED, John. Midlesex… [1676] – trimmed to neatline and laid down on old paper.
26) JANSSONIUS, Johannes. Nortfolcia…
27) SPEED, John. Northampton shire… [1676] – trimmed to neatline and laid down on old paper.
28) JANSSONIUS, Johannes. Comitatus Northumbria…
29) JANSSONIUS, Johannes. Comitatus Nottinghamiensis…
30) JANSSOINIUS, Johannes. Oxonium Comitatus…
31) JANSSONIUS, Johannes. Salopiensis…
32) JANSSONIUS, Johannes. Somersettensis…
33) JANSSONIUS, Johannes. Suffolcia…
34) JANSSONIUS, Johannes. Surria…
35) JANSSONIUS, Johannes. Suthsexia…
36) JANSSONIUS, Johannes. Wigorniensis…
37) JANSSONIUS, Johannes. Wiltonia… – trimmed to neatline and laid down on old paper.
38) JANSSONIUS, Johannes. Ducatus Eboracensis… – trimmed to neatline and laid down on old paper.
39) JANSSONIUS, Johannes. Ducatus Eboracensis pars Orientalis…
40) JANSSONIUS, Johannes. Ducatus Eboracensis pars Occidentalis…
41) SPEED, John. The North and East Ridings of Yorkshire [1676] – trimmed to neatline and laid down on old paper.
42) JANSSONIUS, Johannes. Principatus Walliae pars Borealis…
43) JANSSONIUS, Johannes. Principatus Walliae pars Australis…
44) SPEED, John. Breknoke… [1676] – trimmed to neatline and laid down on old paper.
45) JANSSOINUS, Johannes. Ceretica…
46) JANSSOINUS, Johannes. Penbrochia…
47) SPEED, John. Caernarvon… [1676] – trimmed to neatline and laid down on old paper.
48) SPEED, John. Denbigh shire… [1676] – trimmed to neatline and laid down on old paper.
49) SPEED, John. Flintshire… [1676] – trimmed to neatline and laid down on old paper.
50) SPEED, John. Glamorgan shyre… [1676] – trimmed to neatline and laid down on old paper.
51) JANSSONIUS, Johannes. Mervinia et Montgomeria…
52) JANSSONIUS, Johannes. Radnoriensis…
53) JANSSONIUS, Johannes. Holy Iland; Garnsey; Farne; Jarsey.
54) JANSSONIUS, Johannes. Mona Insula vulgo Anglesey; Mona Isula vulgo The Isle of Man; Vectis Isula Anglice The Isle of Wight.

Bibliography

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