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JIGSAW MAP OF SCOTLAND

Bowles's New One-sheet Map of Scotland laid down from the original Survey of James Dorret with the addition of new roads and other modern improvements from the best Authorities.

Author
BOWLES, Carington

Publication date
[1795]

Publisher
Bowles and Carver,

Publication place
London,

Physical description
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Dimensions
550 by 510mm. (21.75 by 20 inches).

Notes
A complete jigsaw map of Scotland, housed within its original box.

The inventor of the jigsaw puzzle was a one John Spilsbury (1739-1769), who, in 1766, affixed a world map to wood and carved each country out. He would go on to create puzzles of the four continents together with puzzles of England, Wales, Ireland, and Scotland. The maps were designed as teaching aids for geography classes. As pupils put the pieces together, they would learn how different countries connected to one another.
Although advertised in Bowles' catalogue of 1795, we are unable to trace any institutional example.

Bibliography

Provenance

Price:

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