

Engraved map with hand colouring.

SPEED’S MAP OF GERMANY

A Newe Mape of Germany A Newe Mape of Germany newly Augmented by John Speed. Ano Dom: 1626

Author
SPEED, John

Publication date
[1631].

Publisher
George Humble,

Publication place
London,

Physical description
Engraved map with hand colouring.

Dimensions
405 by 535mm. (16 by 21 inches).

Notes
A carte-à-figure map covering Germany and parts of present day Austria, with a decorative border showing the native costume of different regions and views of major cities.

John Speed (1552-1629) was the outstanding cartographer of his age. His ‘Theatre of Great Britain’,

first published in 1611 or 1612, was the first atlas of Great Britain: Speed prepared the maps himself about two years before they were published. This map is from the ‘Prospect of the Most Famous Parts of the World’, produced in collaboration with Speed to accompany the ‘Theatre’ and published in a joint edition by George Humble in 1631. Many of the maps were anglicized versions of works by Dutch makers, who introduced the carte-à-figure style, with borders of figures in local costume and city views.

Bibliography
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