



Engraved map with hand colouring.

## SPEED'S MAP OF HEREFORDSHIRE

**Herefordshire described with the true plot of the citie of Hereford as alsoe the armes of those nobles that have been intituled with that dignity.**

### Author

SPEED, John

### Publication date

[1627].

### Publisher

Performed by Iohn Speede, And are to be solde in Popes head alley against the Exchange by Iohn Sudbury and George Humbell,

### Publication place

London,

### Physical description

Engraved map with hand colouring.

### Dimensions

380 by 505mm. (15 by 20 inches).

### Notes

A beautifully coloured map of Herefordshire, with an inset of the city of Hereford and a vignette of the Battle of Mortimer's Cross, a key battle in the Wars of the Roses. The picture shows the omen seen before the battle: three suns (a phenomenon known as a sundog, or parhelion) appeared in the

sky.

John Speed (1552-1629) was the outstanding cartographer of his age. His 'Theatre of Great Britain' was the first atlas of the British Isles: Speed prepared the maps himself about two years before they were published. His maps and books dominated the seventeenth-century English market. The present map is taken from the 1627 English edition published by George Humble.

### **Bibliography**

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### **Provenance**

### **Price:**

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