

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 intitled with that dignity.

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

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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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