



Engraved map with hand colouring.

## SPEED'S MAP OF LEICESTERSHIRE

**Leicester both county and citie described, the honourable families that have the titles of Earls thereof, with other accidents therein observed.**

### Author

SPEED, John

### Publication date

[1627].

### Publisher

Performed by John Speede, and are to be sold in popes head Alley by John Sudbury and George Humble,

### Publication place

London,

### Physical description

Engraved map with hand colouring.

### Dimensions

396 by 510mm. (15.5 by 20 inches).

### Notes

A beautifully coloured map of Leicestershire, with an inset map of Leicester and a vignette with text showing the Battle of Bosworth, the climatic engagement of the Wars of the Roses in 1485.

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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