

Engraved map with hand colouring.

SPEED’S MAP OF POLAND

A Newe Map of Poland Done into English by I Speede

Author
SPEED, John

Publication date
[1631].

Publisher
Are to be sold in Pops-head alley by G. Humble,

Publication place
London,

Physical description
Engraved map with hand colouring.

Dimensions
416 by 518mm. (16.5 by 20.5 inches).

Notes
A map of Poland, with a decorative border containing figures in native costume and city views. The figure in the cartouche at the centre of the top border is presumably Sigismund III of Poland.

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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