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A FINE SET OF GREENWOOD'S LARGE-SCALE COUNTY MAPS

[Collection of Greenwood's Large Scale County Maps].

Author

GREENWOOD, Christopher

Publication date

1818-1831.

Publisher

Christopher & John Greenwood,

Publication place

London,

Physical description

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Dimensions

Notes

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The maps by Christopher and John Greenwood set new standards for large-scale surveys. Although they were unsuccessful in their stated aim to map all the counties of England and Wales, it is probably no coincidence that, those that they missed (Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire, Herefordshire, Hertfordshire, Norfolk, and Oxfordshire) were all mapped by Andrew Bryant in a similar style and at the same period (excepting Cambridgeshire). From a technical point of view, the Greenwoods' productions exceeded the high standards set in the previous century, though without the decoration and charming title-pieces that typified large scale maps of that period.

The Greenwoods started with Lancashire and Yorkshire in 1817, and, by 1831, they had covered 34 counties. Their maps were masterpieces of surveying and engraving techniques, and, in view of the speed at which they were completed, their accuracy is remarkable. They mark the boundaries of the counties, hundreds and parishes, churches and chapels, castles and quarries, farmhouses and gentlemen's seats, heaths and common land, woods, parliamentary representatives, and distances

between towns. The price of 3 guineas each compares with the the first edition Ordnance Survey sheets of 7s 6d, though the latter did not relate to complete counties.

List of Maps

- 1) Lancashire... 1818
- 2) Chesheshire... 1819
- 3) Middlesex... 1819
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- 14) Derbyshire... 1825
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- 27) Devonshire... 1827
- 28) London... 1827
- 29) South East Circuit of Wales... 1828
- 30) Lincolnshire... 1830
- 31) Huntingdonshire... 1831

Bibliography

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Provenance

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