



Engraved map with hand colouring.

## **SPEED'S MAP OF NORTHAMPTONSHIRE**

### **Northamptonshire**

#### **Author**

SPEED, John

#### **Publication date**

[1627].

#### **Publisher**

Performed by John Speede and are to be sold by George Humble in ye Popes head alley,

#### **Publication place**

London,

#### **Physical description**

Engraved map with hand colouring.

#### **Dimensions**

380 by 510mm. (15 by 20 inches).

#### **Notes**

A beautifully coloured map of Northamptonshire, with inset maps of Northampton and Peterborough, and a vignette with text of the Battle of Edgecote Moor, where Richard Neville, Duke of Warwick, defeated Edward IV during the Wars of the Roses.

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:** £700

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