



16th century map of Cheshire from the Duke of York's Library

BLAEU, Johannes.  
Cestria Comitatus Palatinus.

Amsterdam, 1648, German text edition. Original colour. 385 x 505mm.

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Decorative map of Cheshire, published in Blaeu's 'Atlas Major', with pictorial cartouches for the title and scale and a banderole of coats of arms. Pasted on the reverse is the bookplate of the Duke of York, bearing the motto of the Chivalric English Order of the Garter, 'Honi Soit Qui Mal Y Pense' and the initials D.Y., with 'Vol. 51, No. 80.' added underneath. The map was apparently bound into a large composite atlas, as noted by the volume number, probably by Prince Edward, Duke of York and Albany (1739-67, younger brother of George III), from maps already in his family's collection.

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