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John Speed's map of Sussex

SPEED, John.
Sussex Described and divided into Rapes with the siutuation of Chichester the cheife citie thereof. And the armes of such Nobles as have bene dignified with the title of Earles since the conquest and other accidents therein observed.

London, George Humble, 1627. Coloured. 385 x 505mm.

£1,200

A very famous map, engraved by Jodocus Hondius in 1610 and first published the following year, in Speed's atlas 'The Theatre of the Empire of Great Britain'. The decorations include an inset plan of Chichester, James I's Royal Arms, a strapwork panel of the arms of local nobles and a title cartouche of an open book. As well as the usual vignettes of galleons and sea-monsters, there is a Civil War battle (probably a skirmish at Haywards Heath) and a representation of William the Conqueror's fleet arriving at Pevensey. On the reverse is an English-text history of the county and gazetteer. A fine example with good margins.

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