

Basic Detail Report

Title **Hartfordshire Described**

Date 1605-1610

Primary Maker John Speed

Medium Engraving; black printer's ink on laid paper

Description Map of Hertfordshire, England, depicting the landscape and historic events. Circles and other symbols (none of which are explained) show the locations of what were presumably buildings, dwellings and estates. In the top left corner is an inset map of "Hartforde," depicting the ancient town. Below it are two shields, one belonging to Roger de Clare, Earl of Hertford, and the other to Edward Seinour (Seymour), Earl of Hertford. In the top right corner there is another inset map of Verulanium (an ancient Roman British town), showing a walled field and, in the distance, a small city. In the bottom left corner is a female figure holding a sphere with a cartographers' tools and another sphere, possibly a globe, resting on the table in front of her. In the bottom right corner is a textual description of Hertfordshire county and its historic battles. On the back of the map, which was originally in a book, is a list of the different parts of Hertfordshire (named on the map), and the places that appeared within them.

On the right side of the page is a textual description of Hertfordshire.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (image height x width): 15 1/8 x 20 1/8in. (38.4 x 51.1cm) Platemark (height x width): 15 3/8 x 20 3/8in. (39.1 x 51.8cm) Sheet (height x width): 17 1/4 x 20 1/2in. (43.8 x 52.1cm)