



An English epitome of William Camden's *Britannia* was printed in 1626 by John Bill, with a map of England of unknown derivation and fifty-one maps of the counties of England and Wales. They are miniature versions of Christopher Saxton, similar to those of Pieter van den Keere but, unlike Saxton and Keere, only Caernarvon and Anglesey are together on one plate:

*A Tipe of England;*

*Cornwall; Devon Shire; Dorset Shire; Somerset Shire; Wilt Shire; Hant Shire; Barke Shire; Surrey; Sussex; Kent; Middlessex; The County of Essex; Hartford Shire; Oxfordshire; Buckingham Shire; Gloucester Shire; Worcester Shire; Warwick Shire; Northampton Shire; Bedford Shire; Huntington Shire; Cambridge Shire and Isle of Ely; Suffolke; Norfolke; The Countie of Lincolne; Rutland Shire; Leicester Shire; Stafford Shire; Darby Shire; Nottingham Shire; Yorke Shire; The Bishoprick of Durham; Northumberland; Cumberland; Westmor Land; Lancashire; Cheshire; Shropshire; Hereford Shire;*

*Radnor Shire; Brecknock Shire; Monmouth Shire; Glamorgan Shire; Carmarden Shire; Pembroke Shire; Cardigan Shire; Montgmerie Shire; Merionyth Shire; Carnarvon. The Isle of Anglesey; Denbigh Shire; Flint Shire.*

About 115/125 x 80/90 mm. in size, these very attractive maps have flamboyant lettering and degrees of longitude and latitude marked for the first time on a series of county maps. The orientation of Cornwall is unusually accurate for the time. English text was printed on the back of each map referring to the following county in the book.





Although there was only one edition, thought by Peter J. Radford to number less than 200 copies, it included several variant issues but with the plates unchanged. Bill was also joint publisher with John Norton of the 1606 English edition of Ortelius' folio *Theatrum*.

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