



A 17th century map of Northumberland, marking Hadrian's Wall

MORDEN, Robert.
 Northumberland.

London, c.1695. Original colour. 420 x 360mm.

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A map of Northumberland but also showing Cumberland in order to show the length of Hadrian's Wall from Newcastle to the Solway Firth. Marked with castellations, it is named 'The Wall of the Picts' and 'Vallum Severi', referring to Septimus Severus, who refortified the wall c.210, after the failure of the Antonine Wall further north. The map was drawn up by Robert Morden to illustrate Gibson's edition of William Camden's 'Britannia', first published in 1695. However this example comes from a different source: it is printed on much thicker paper than usual and has been folded for binding into a small format book.

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