

Re-stating Blome's A Generall Mapp of Carolina

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A Generall Mapp of Carolina Describing its Sea Coast and Rivers, London Printed for Ric. Blome, was published in *A Description of the Island of Jamaica: With the other Isles and Territories in America*, by Richard Blome (Burden, Plate 420). The title page in the first edition of the book is dated 1672.

If the embedded javascript below is not seen, try [this link to the map](#).

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MEDIA INFORMATION	A Generall	
<p>COLLECTION NAME: JCB Map Collection</p> <p>Record</p> <p>Accession Number: 4819</p> <p>File Name: 4819-1</p> <p>Call number: D682 A819c</p> <p>Map title: A Generall Mapp of Carolina.</p>		<p>Active Media Group:</p>

Previously published cartobibliographies have been consistent in reporting a single state of the Carolina map. A review of images located on the internet reveals three states of the map among surviving copies. The changes are minor and relate solely to the bottom of the title cartouche as illustrated below:



State 1 (left): Stem ends are open and there is no leaf below the tie. From JCB Library.

State 2 (center): Stem ends are open and a leaf has been added to bottom left stem.

State 3 (right): The stem ends are now closed.

The map is scarce in any state. It is the second printed map of Carolina, the first being the exceptionally rare map published by [Horne](#) in 1666. Blome's map is derived directly from Horne's map, with a few topographical changes. Like Horne's map, Blome depicts the Charles Town settlement on the Cape Fear River, established in 1664 and abandoned shortly thereafter. However, Blome has confused it with the "post-Horne" Charles Town established on Ashley River in 1670. In doing so, Blome has mislabeled a small river just west of Cape Fear as the Ashley River. That stream has been known as [Lockwood Folly](#) River since at least 1673. For a more detailed description of Blome's map of Carolina, please see the references below.

There are three issues of the first edition of Blome's *Description...*, varying in the imprint at the bottom of the title page. Bibliographers differ on ranking the priority of these issues. Is there any correlation between the state of the Carolina map and the title page imprint and, if so, could this help establish priority between the three issues? Inquiries have been sent to a number of institutions that have copies of this book; the data will be tabulated and published on the blog at the end of January (2014). **Update:** Please see [Re-prioritizing Blome's Description](#).

REFERENCES:

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CUMMING, *THE SOUTHEAST IN EARLY MAPS*, 3RD ED., 69.

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