



Globes in the Collection

Terrestrial Globe, by John Senex, London, 1718 Inventory No. 28920

John Senex (c.1680?-1740) was one of a number of English instrument makers who established a reputation in the early 18th-century. As an engraver and seller of maps and globes, he became one of the leading cartographers of the 18th-century. His globes demonstrate a high level of knowledge of astronomy as well his skill as an engraver, cartographer and craftsman. According to Dekker and van der Krogt, John Senex (fl. 1690-1740) "stood at the beginning of a new branch of globe producers in Britain," in the early 18th-Century (Dekker & van der Krogt, p. 112). Senex began as an astronomer and map maker, and was also an engraver, publisher, surveyor and geographer to Queen Anne.



[Ref: <http://www.cyclopaedia.org/senex/senexnotes.html>]

This terrestrial globe by John Senex was made in 1718. It is constructed around a plaster core, with brass fittings and stands 500mm in height. The lacquered paper gores are printed from engraved plates and coloured by hand. It is inscribed: "A New and Correct GLOBE of ye EARTH together with a View of ye General & Coasting Trade Winds, Monsoons, &c. Laid down according to ye Newest Discoveries and from ye most Exact Observations. By Iohn Senex. Sold only by Him [illegible] Salisbury court near Fleet street. 1718".