



Globes in the Collection

Miniature terrestrial Globe, by John Senex, London, 1755 Inventory No. 33687

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>]

The terrestrial globe made by Senex c.1750-60 is constructed around a plaster core, with brass meridian ring divided by 2° divisions in four quadrants, and paper gores printed from engraved plates and coloured by hand. It is 85mm in diameter. It is inscribed, 'A New & Correct GLOBE of the Earth By I. Senex F.R.S.'. This globe shows the track of Anson's voyage round the world 1740-1744, which was first published in 1749.