# **Vermont Historical Society**

Annual Meeting

Thursday, October 6, 2022



### S. Crocker Bennett II

President, Vermont Historical Society



#### **Election of Trustees**

# FOR A 3-YEAR TERM AS A VERMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY TRUSTEE:

- Victor Henningsen, Thetford Center (1st Term)
- Penrose Jackson, Hinesburg (2<sup>nd</sup> Term)
- Steve Kidder, Swanton (2<sup>nd</sup> Term)
- Brian S. Lindner, Waterbury (1st Term)
- Mike McRaith, South Burlington (2<sup>nd</sup> Term)
- Kate O'Connor, Brattleboro (1st Term)



### **Financial Report**

John Grosvenor

Director of Finance and Operations, Vermont Historical Society



# FY 2022 Unaudited VHS FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

#### **Statement of Activities**

#### Revenue

	FY 2021	FY 2022
Contributions and Bequests	566,897	546,767
State Appropriation	1,029,265	1,022,891
Investment Income	561,616	-490,013
Admissions, Fees and Earned Income	34,358	62,291
VT History Bookstore Sales	26,820	36,039
State and Federal Grants	343,782	320,435
Other Revenue	191,134	191,134
TOTAL REVENUE	2,753,872	1,689,544

#### Expenses

	FY 2021	FY 2022
Public Programs	469,140	476,426
Library	386,979	429,248
Membership	194,646	248,547
Museum	431,022	424,248
Administration & Finance	113,432	154,979
Development	159,377	233,191
Education	140,008	157,085
Local League of Historical Societies	85,433	95,854
VT History Bookstore/Guest Services Museum	57,682	65,697
VHS Publications	23,762	27,649
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,061,481	2,312,924



#### **Balance Sheet**

#### Assets

	FY 2021	FY 2022
Cash	608,320	760,898
Other Current Assets	365,782	362,090
Investments	2,787,445	2,308,567
Property Plant and Equipment	9,477,192	9,538,088
Depreciation	-3,129,418	-3,402,175
Total Property Plant & Equipment	6,347,774	6,135,913
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	10,109,321	9,567,468

#### Liabilities

	FY 2021	FY 2022
Accounts Payable	21,662	128,624
Short-term Liabilities	128,280	146,412
Mortgage Payable	1,066,421	1,022,854
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,216,363	1,297,890
Net Assets		
Net Assets	FY 2021	FY 2022
Net Assets  Beginning Net Assets	FY 2021 8,200,567	FY 2022 8,892,958
Net Assets  Beginning Net Assets  Change in Net Assets	120 - 01 - 010 - 0	



### **Steve Perkins**

**Executive Director, Vermont Historical Society** 



# Richard O. Hathaway Award

The annual Hathaway award goes to an individual, group or organization recognized as making an outstanding contribution to the field of Vermont history. Projects may include, but are not limited to, publications, exhibits, works of art, documentary films, radio programs, websites, and dramatic works.



### Weston A. Cate, Jr. Fellowship

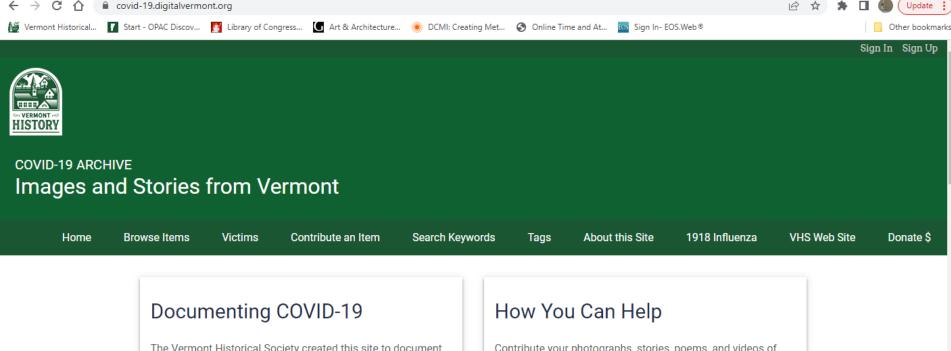
The Vermont Historical Society awards this fellowship every other year to encourage research in Vermont history. The fellowship supports research for one calendar year in any aspect of Vermont history and is open to all individuals. The final product is traditionally an essay or research article.



#### **Recent Accessions to the VHS Collections**

Kate Phillips, Librarian



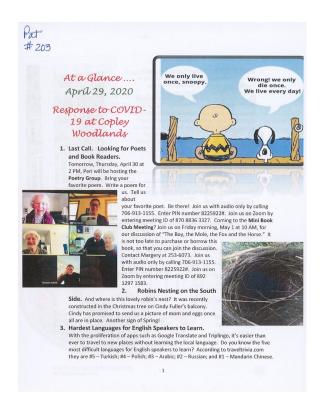


The Vermont Historical Society created this site to document the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus in Vermont in 2020.

For nearly two centuries, the Vermont Historical Society has collected and documented the lives of Vermonters, and we are continuing to do so through the COVID-19 emergency. Like you, we're staying safely at home, so we need your help. Please use this site to help us document this historic time in our state's history.

Contribute your photographs, stories, poems, and videos of living through the COVID-19 crisis in Vermont. What's different in your community – empty streets and empty shelves, signs and restrictions, people talking to each other across the street? What's different in your own home – new routines, new office setups, new hobbies? Show us by contributing to this archive!

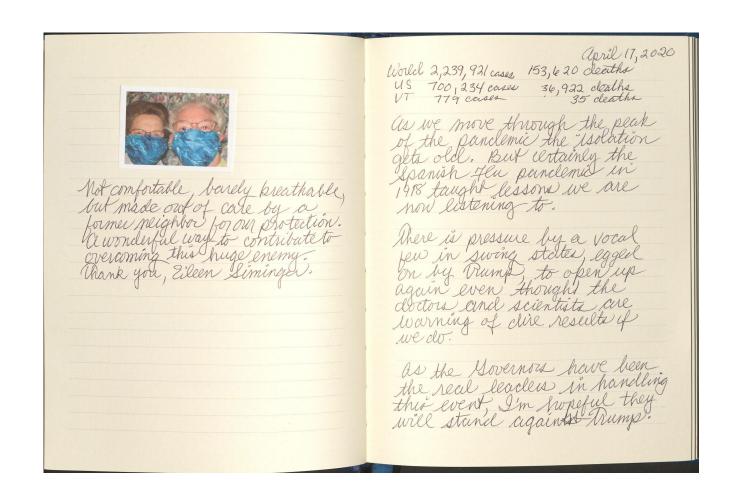
If you would like to make a sound recording, please connect with the Vermont Folklife Center's <u>Listening in Place</u> oral

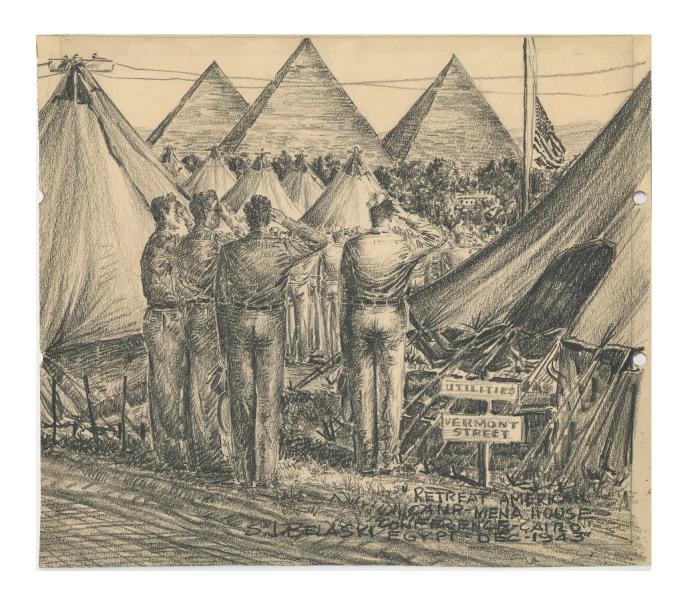




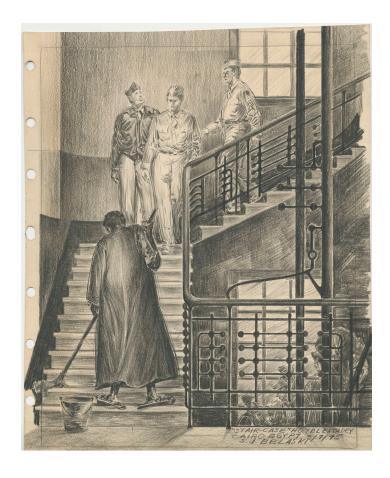




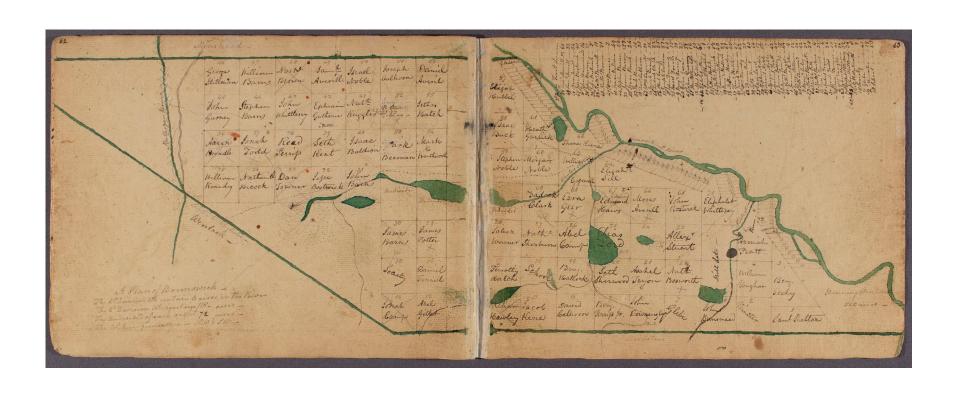


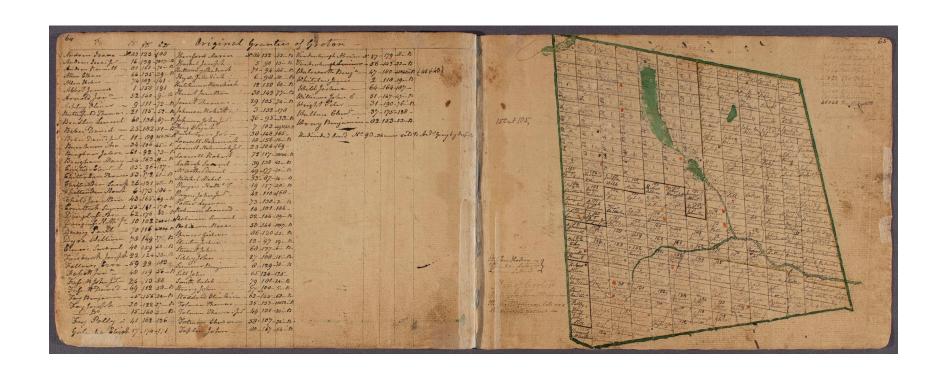


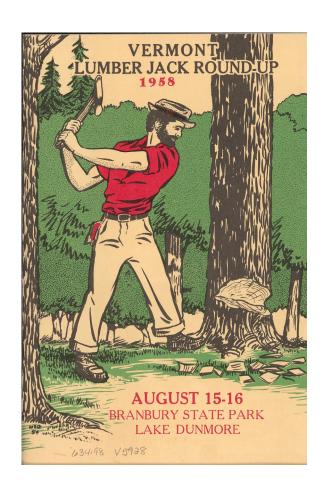


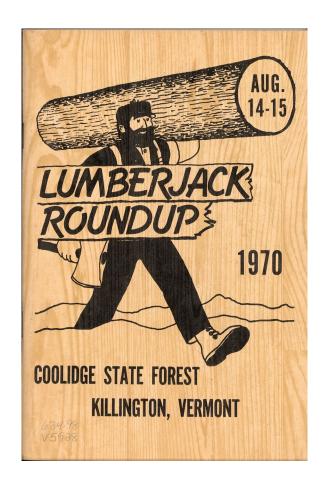


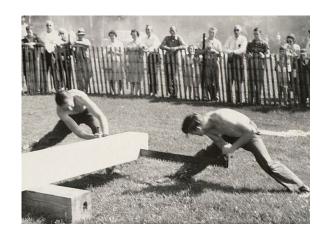


















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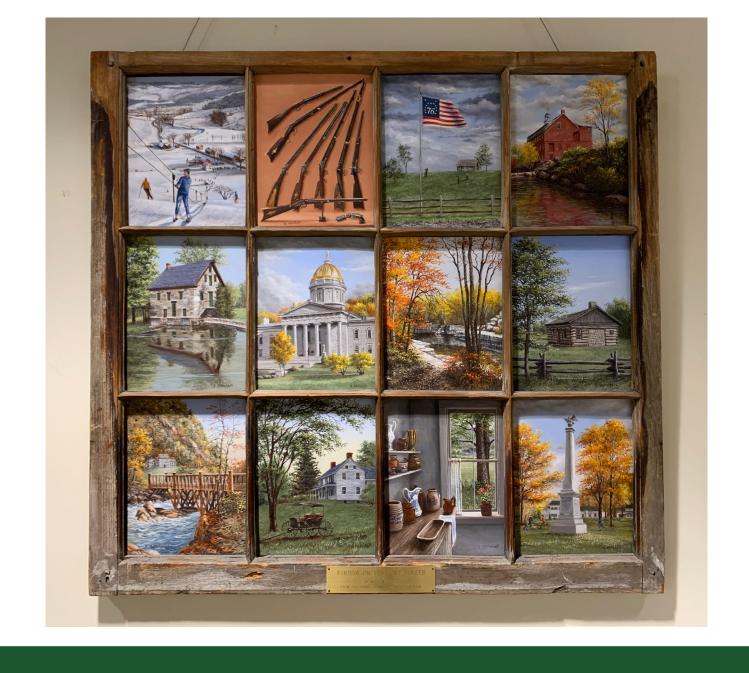
Steve Perkins, Executive Director





2022.6 - Vermont State House Page Jacket worn by Dianne Kearns in 1969



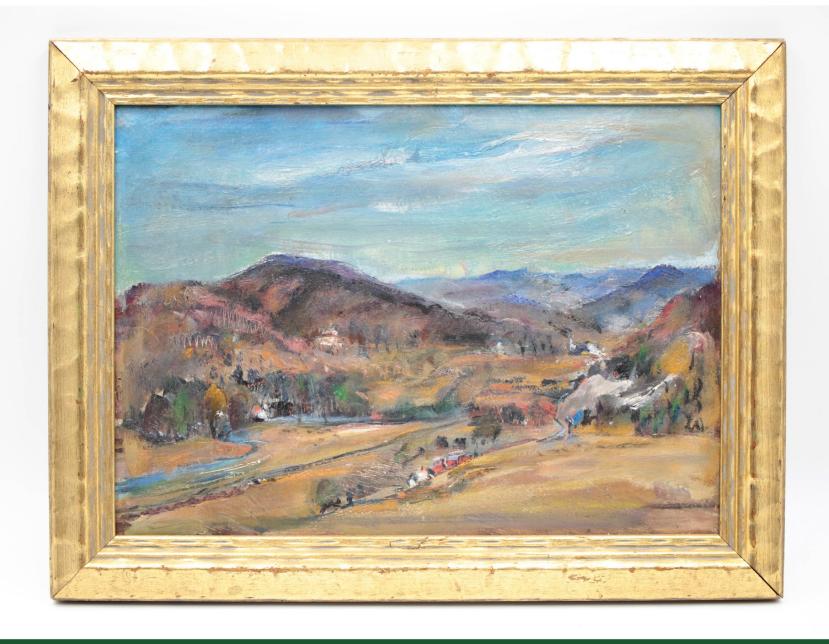


2022.17 - Bruce Mitchell paintings commissioned for 1976 Bicentennial Celebration

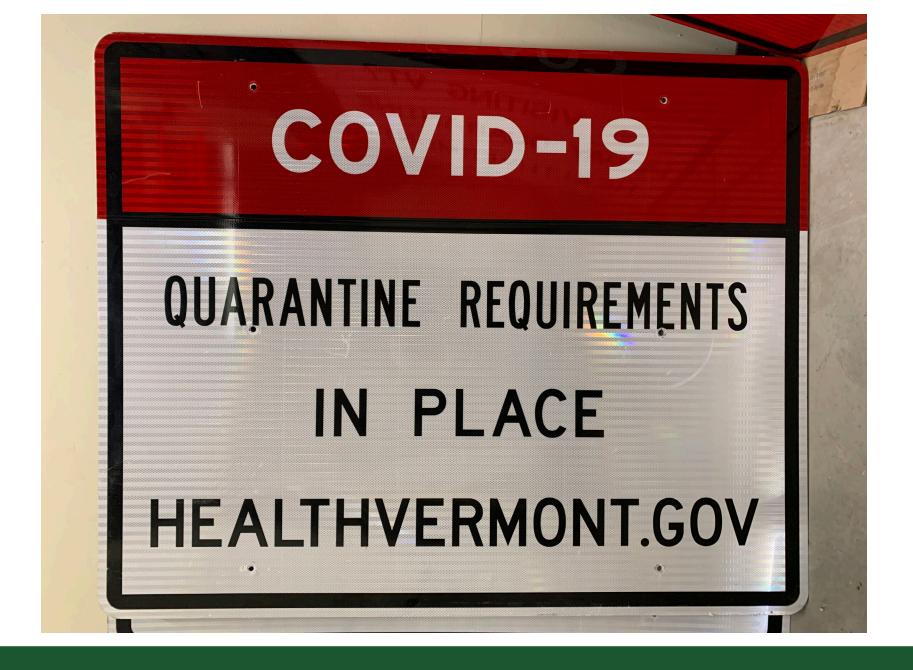




2021.36 - Frances Ide drawings, paintings, illustrations







## Thank you!

Your support of the Vermont Historical Society ensures we can continue to carry out our mission to reach a broad audience through our outstanding collections, statewide outreach, and dynamic programming.

# Keynote Speaker: Amanda Kay Gustin

### A New American Globe

James Wilson of Vermont



### James Wilson of Bradford

1763 - 1854

Moved to Bradford from Londonderry NH in 1796

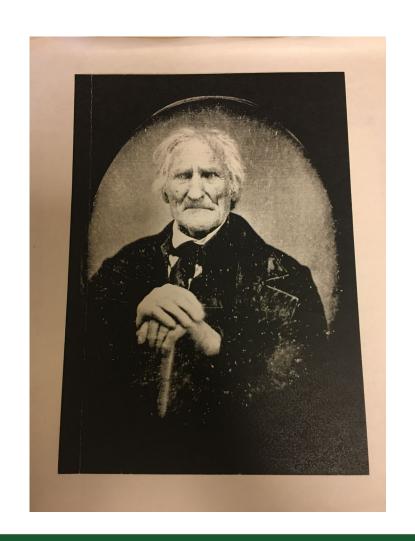
Primarily a farmer

Produced first globes in 1809-1810

Self-taught?

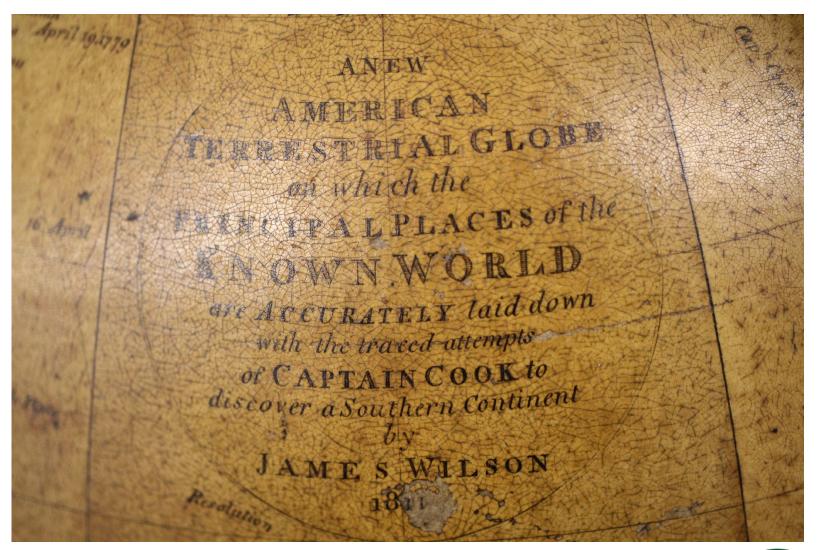
### James Wilson of Bradford

Skills involved: - cartography, engraving, printing, papermaking, woodworking, blacksmithing, papiermache, plastering, watercoloring, varnishing, marketing, accounting



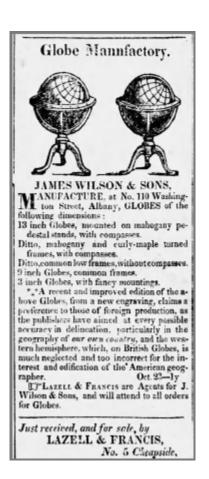








### James Wilson & Sons



Company moved to Albany, NY c. 1817

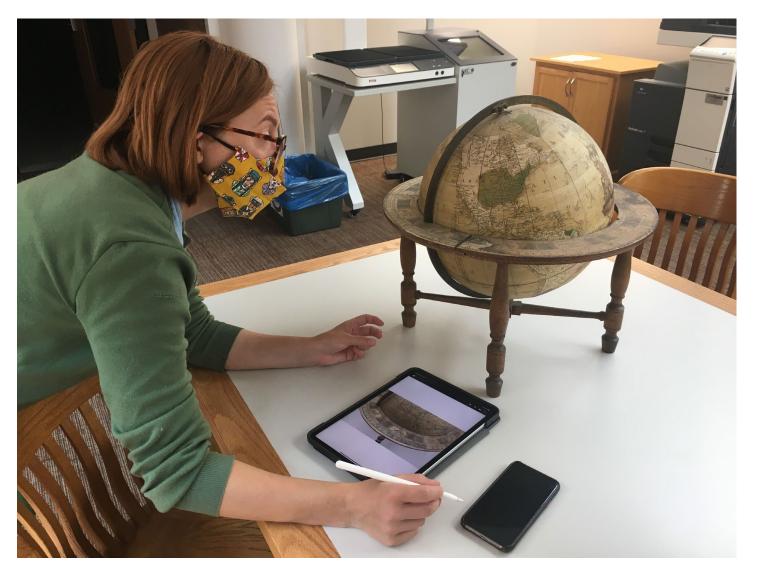
Sold out of the family in 1833

Continued making globes until the 1850s

## **VHS Research Work**

- Census of extant Wilson globes
- Examining close to 30 in person
- Re-examining primary sources
- Questioning apocryphal stories
- Situating Wilson's work in a network & context







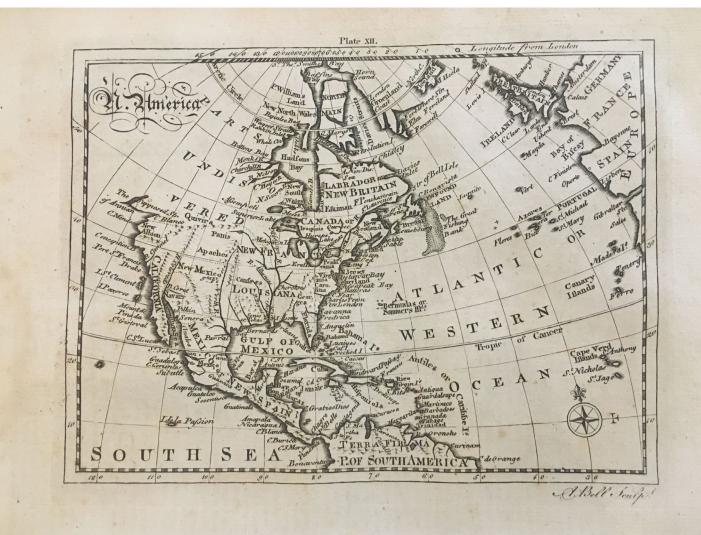




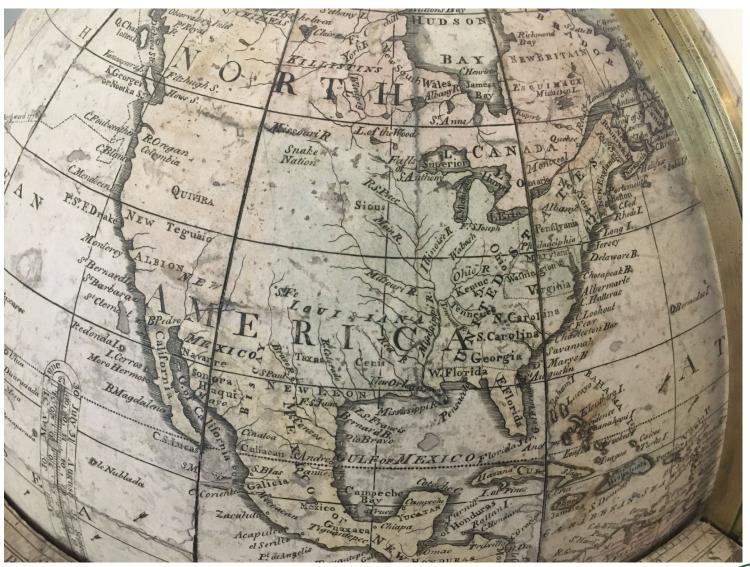


















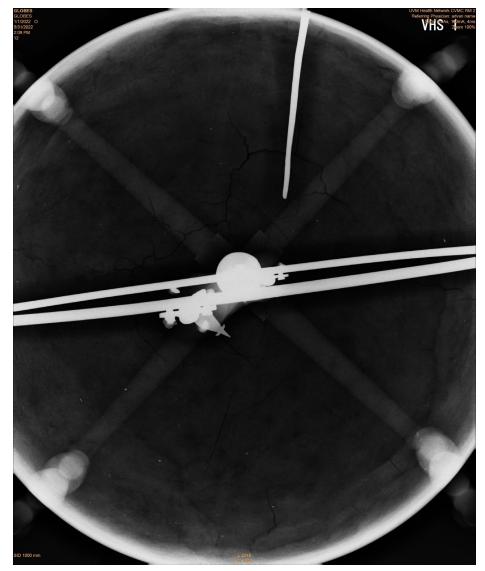


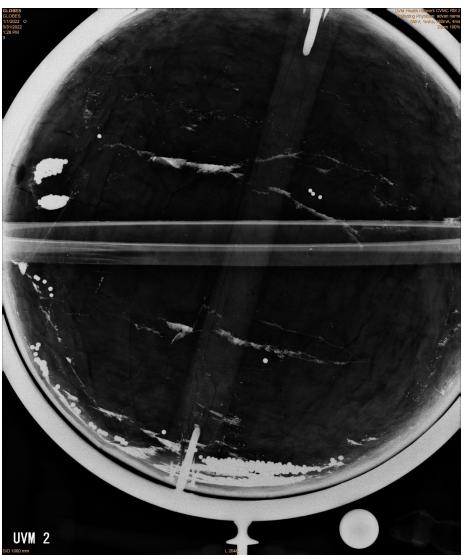




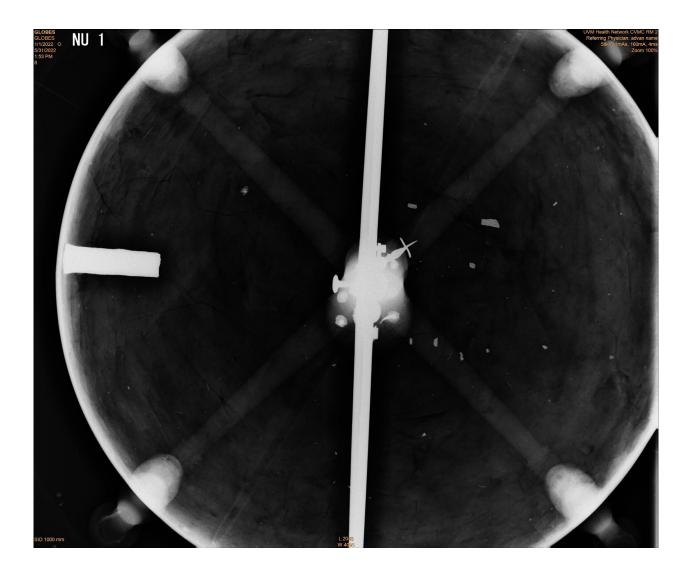














## What else?

Some mapmaking for James Whitelaw

Some engraving with Isaac Eddy

Founder of Bradford Academy, active correspondence with children & grandchildren



## What else?

Toward the end of his life: an orrery

Overall, a life devoted to investigation and experimentation



## **Questions?**

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