

2 trade cards, engraved by F.S. Miller.

TRADE CARD FOR MAKER OF PHILOSOPHICAL INSTRUMENTS

Heath and Wing... Make and Sell all Sorts of Mathematical and Philosophical Instruments. Accurately finished according to the best Improvements of y.e most eminent Professors: Also The best Black lead Pencils and Books of the Use of Instruments.

Author
HEATH, Thomas; and Tycho WING

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London,

Physical description
2 trade cards, engraved by F.S. Miller.

Dimensions
(each) 85 by 120mm. (3.25 by 4.75 inches).

Notes
Thomas Heath’s (c1714-1757) first business operated from about 1721 from his address “At the Hercules” or “Hercules & Globe”. In about 1742, he entered into business with Tycho Wing. Wing (1696-1750) was the son of astronomer, astrologer, and land surveyor, Vincent Wing (1619–1668).

After his father’s death Wing continued to publish his father’s almanac, which he undoubtedly sold though “Heath and Wing”. He was also a surveyor (latterly with his own son Vincent), and taught mathematics, surveying, and navigation.

The later trade card reflects the purchase of the business, presumably shortly after Wing’s death, by T. Newman.

Bibliography
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