

Margaret Bryan Science Education

Learning Leaflet: Women in Science

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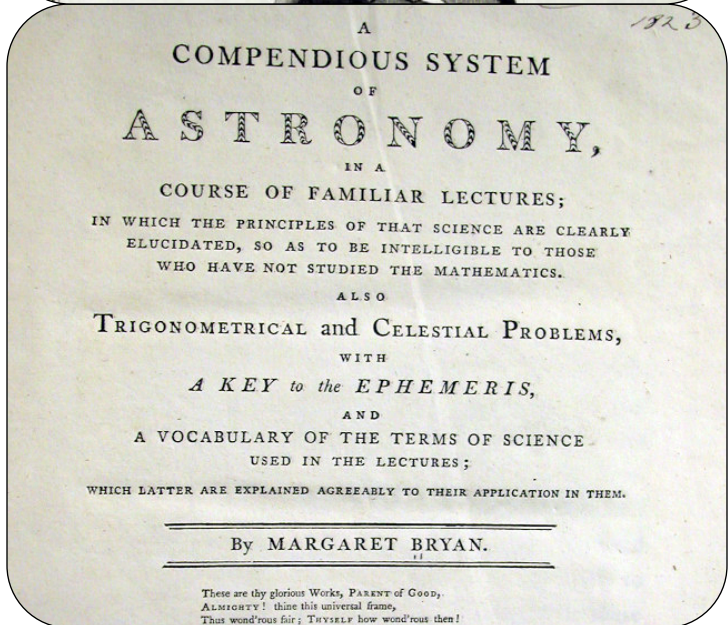
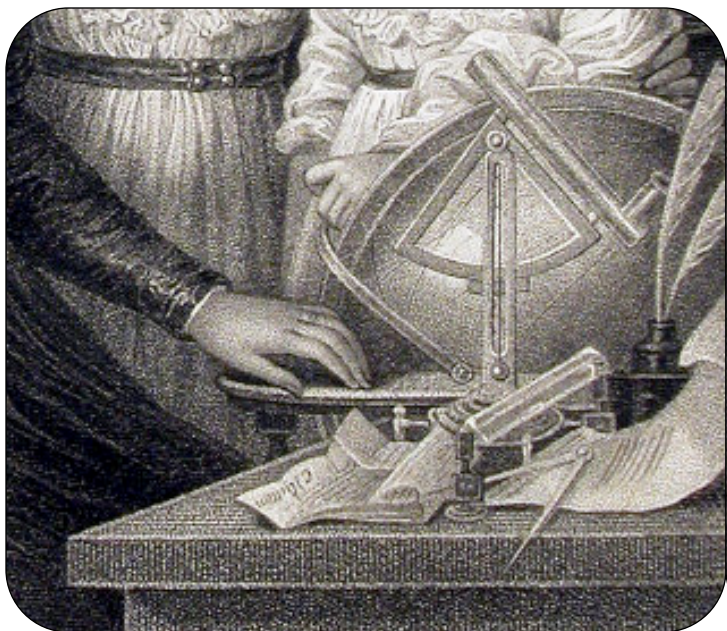
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Engraved by W. Nuttall from a Miniature of the same size painted by James Shelley.

Margaret Bryan, *A Compendious System of Astronomy* (1797)

What would you picture in your own scientific portrait?



Margaret Bryan: Science Education

Margaret Bryan (b. ca. 1769) published several popular scientific textbooks, including *A Compendious System of Astronomy* (1797), *Lectures on Natural Philosophy* (1806), and *An Astronomical and Geographical Class Book for Schools* (1815). The content is organized as a series of lectures, and the books were published by subscription.

As schoolmistress of a boarding school for girls in London, Bryan taught mathematics and science. She was married and had two daughters.

What are all the objects in this portrait?

Which objects seem most interesting to you?

Are any of these objects present in your classroom or school?

If an artist were to make your scientific portrait, what objects would you include?

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