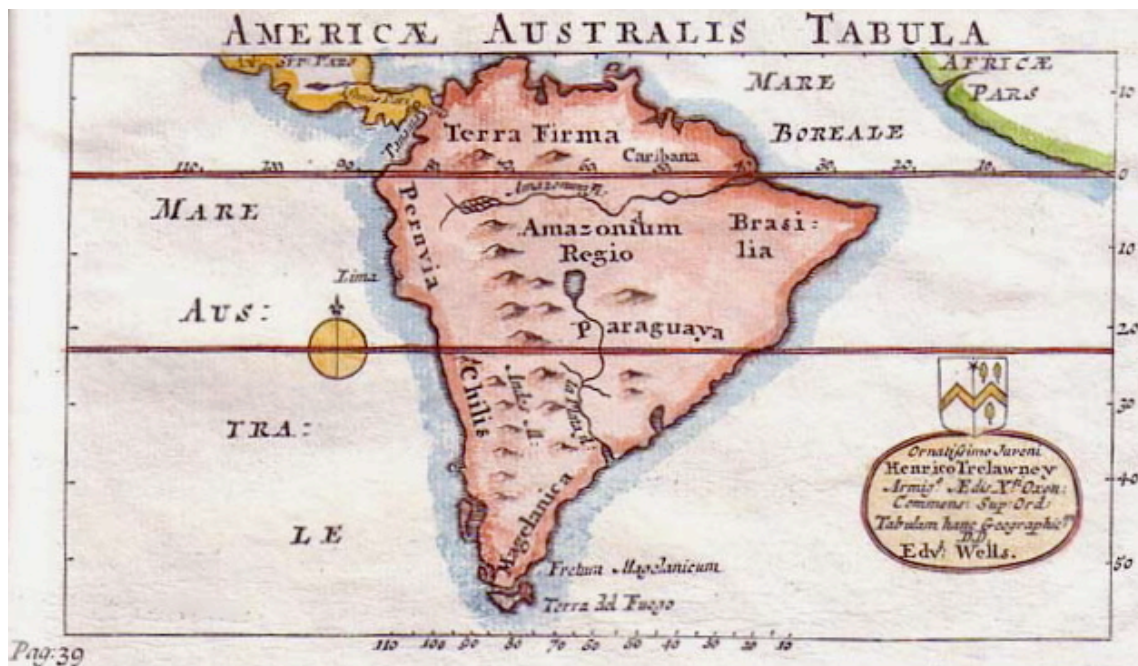


The author of a well-known folio atlas, Dr. Edward Wells (1677-1727) was an Oxford mathematical tutor who wrote many books, one of which was a geographical treatise to accompany his atlas. Wells also edited a new edition of Dionysius Periegetes' poem, *Orbis terrae descriptio*, with Greek text and Latin verse translation. He included in this a set of sixteen little maps which are much less known than his large ones:

*Orbis Terrarum Cognitus Veteribus Græcis et Latinis**; *Orbis Terrarum Cognitus Hodiernis Europæis*; *Maris Mediterranei Tabula*; *Antiquæ Europæ Tabula**; *Hodiernæ Europæ Tabula*; *Antiquæ Italiæ Tabula**; *Hodiernæ Italiæ Tabula*; *Antiquæ Græciæ Tabula**; *Antiquæ Africæ Tabula**; *Hodiernæ Africæ Tabula*; *Antiquæ Asiæ Tabula**; *Hodiernæ Asiæ Tabula*; *Antiquæ Asiæ Minoris &c. Tabula**; *Americæ Septentrionalis Tabula*; *Americæ Australis Tabula*; *Insularum Britannicarum Tabula*.



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These typically measure 155 x 85 mm. with their titles in Latin above the top border. Latitude and longitude (based on a London prime meridian) are engraved outside the borders too. Rather plain though the plates are, they do have heraldry with dedications in Latin and seven* of them are historical maps.

Της παλαι και της νυν οικουμενης περιηγησις, *sive Dionysii Geographia*. Oxford, Sheldonian Theatre (university press), 1704; Oxford, Sheldonian Theatre (university press) & London, Awnsham & John Churchill, 1709; London, William Churchill, 1718; James Knapton & others, 1726; H. Knaplock & others, 1738; J. Knapton & others, 1761.

