

Can We Scan the Piggin?: Revisiting Early American Material Culture and Campus Collections across Pandemic Time



To put it otherwise, we cannot naturalize or uncritically center the extant assemblage of materials. We must historicize and contextualize why certain belongings, stories, and memories are visible, and others much less so.

On the Importance of Archival

Perseverance: The Mss. of William Jenks's *Memoir of the Northern Kingdom*



Since I hadn't found *Memoir* in the likely places based on the finding guide, I began going systematically, folder by folder, through the fifty boxes, more than a few of which still at that time contained bundles of Jenks's many sermons inside, wrapped in wastepaper exactly as they had been when deposited at the library.

A Healthy Paradise: Annie Denton Cridge's Feminist Utopia

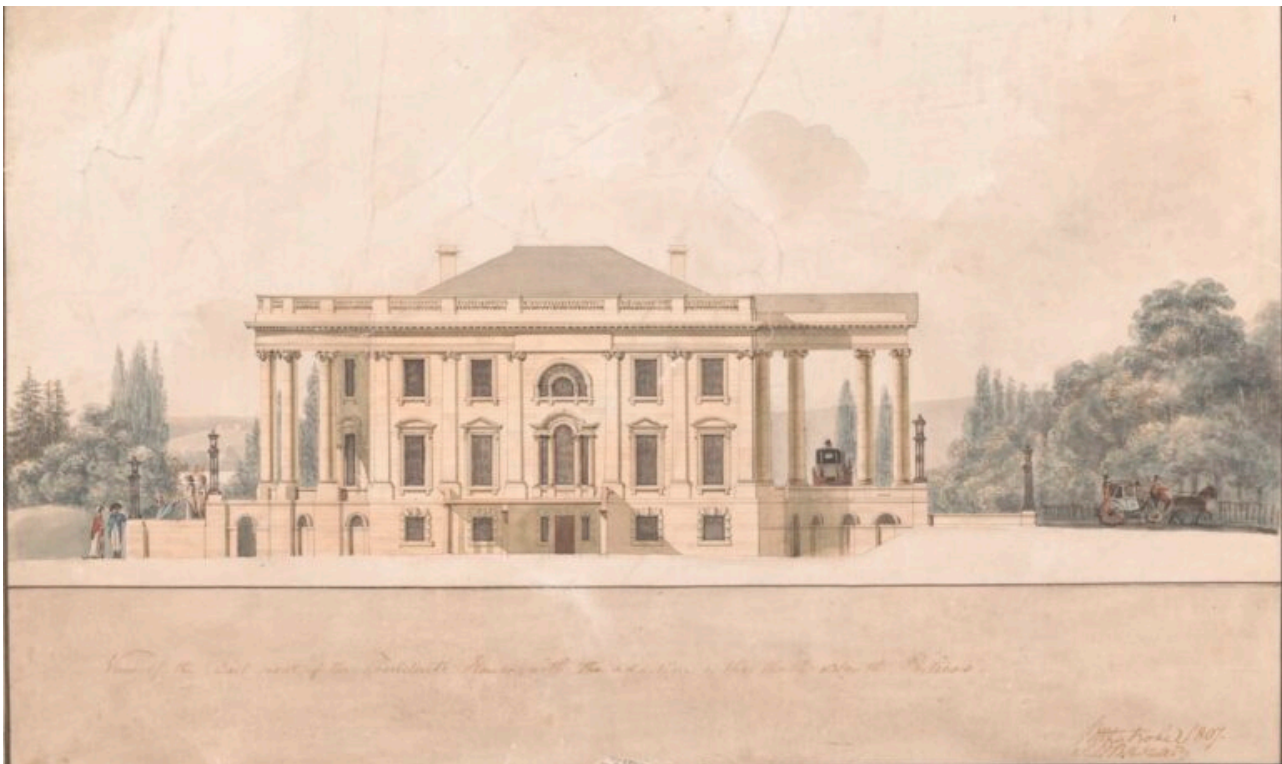


Cridge's American utopia did not singularly hinge on technological innovation or economic equality. It was a comprehensive achievement that combined political and economic equality with women's autonomy and health.

"A Very Curious Religious Game": Spiritual Maps and Material Culture in Early America

or stemmed from the importance he placed on familial self-preservation.

How to Party Like a President: The Dinners Behind the Dinner Records of Thomas Jefferson



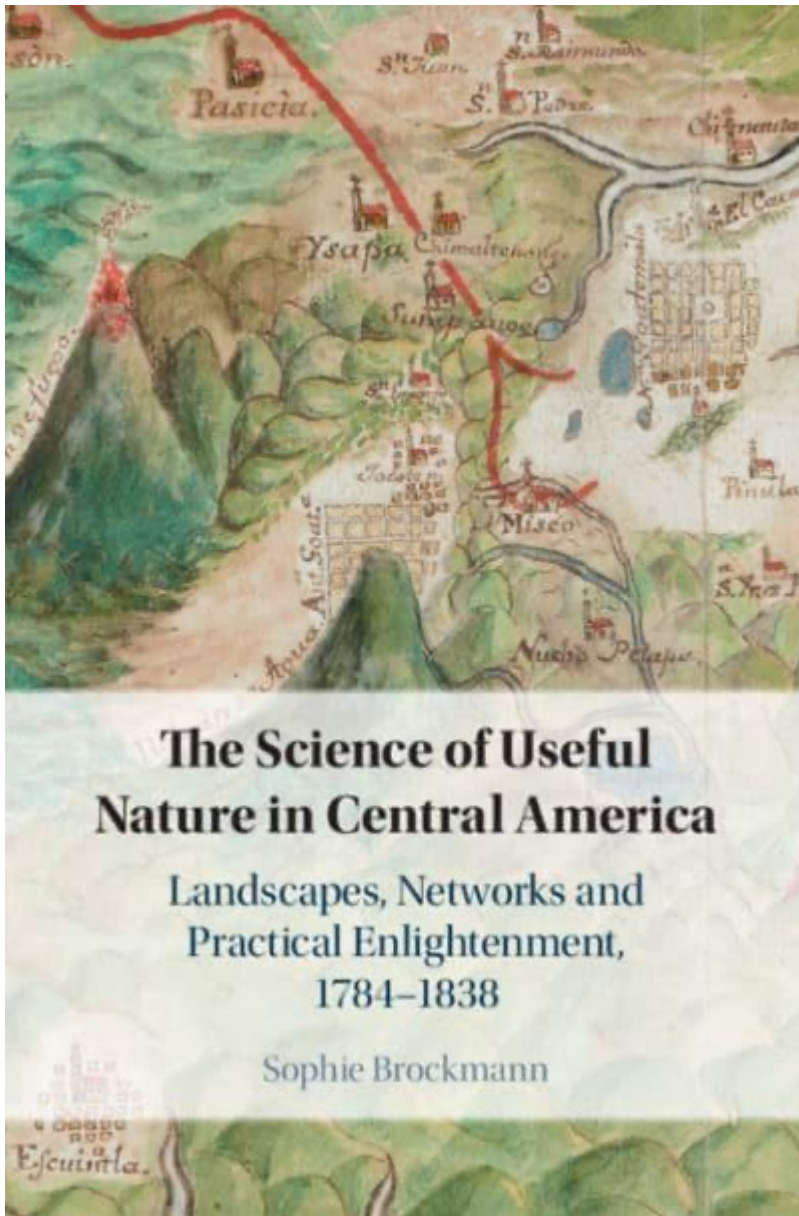
For eight years, he skillfully combined traditional elite dining with an anti-monarchical ideology and Virginian sociability in a way that pleased his dinner guests and promoted his own agenda.

New Seats at the Tea Party



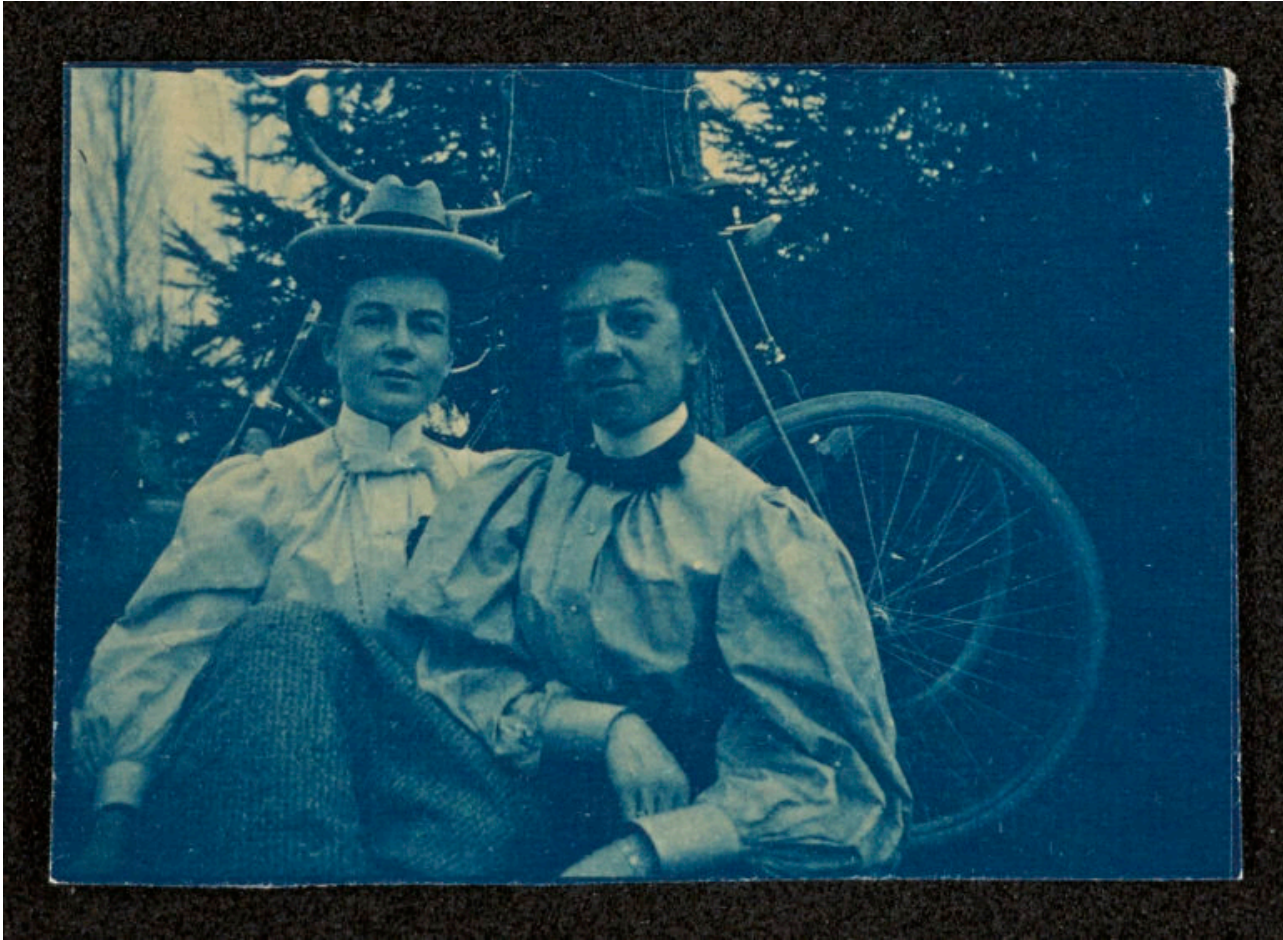
When facilitated responsibly, historical role-play can be an invaluable educational method because it encourages empathy and taking ownership of one's participation in the classroom.

Land that Could Become Water: Dreams of Central America in the Era of the Erie Canal



Brockmann's research and her insightful arguments taught me not only that plenty of knowledge production occurred in Central America before the 1820s but also that this "practical" information was designed to serve locals rather than foreigners.

[How Bicycles Liberated Women in Victorian America](#)



Cycling culture offered individual women, as well as couples, greater freedom in daily life.

Insurance For (and Against) the Empire



Marine insurance itself was a business that flourished during periods of war and uncertainty. It had a complex relationship with the British state.