



The Sea of Tranquility ('Mare Tranquillitatis') depicted without the Apollo landing site

BACKGROUND HISTORY

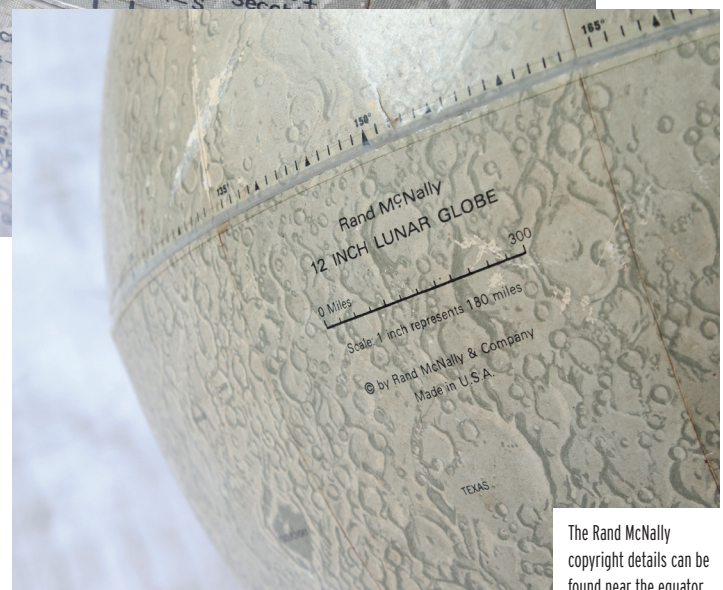
Over 100 years before the moon landing, back in 1868, Andrew McNally and William Rand joined forces to create railway guides before moving into the world (excuse the pun) of maps and globes. Using a new wax engraving method, they were able to significantly reduce the cost of printing maps and made their first globe in 1880. They capitalised on the growing popularity of automobiles at the turn of the 20th century by creating their first American road map in 1904. The company is still operating and, in more recent years, has developed the TripMaker journey planning tool, Rand McNally GPS devices and travel solutions for professional drivers.

Moon globes became popular in the 1960s as people followed the American and Soviet space race, culminating in the first man walking on the moon in July 1969.

SPOT THE GENUINE ARTICLE

A Rand McNally globe will be identified with the company name printed near the equator, showing the copyright 'Rand McNally & Company' and 'Made in USA'.

You can date the globe – whether earth or moon – by the features it depicts. The Apollo landing site shows that a lunar



The Rand McNally copyright details can be found near the equator

globe is post-1969 and any globe without this is obviously an earlier rendition. The lunar globes aren't always presented on a globe stand; instead they have tacks in each end to allow the moon to be hung, if preferred.

In terms of identifying the date that an earth globe was made, take a look at the names of countries that have changed over the years – you might need to do a bit of historical research. For example, Sri Lanka was known as Ceylon from 1815 to 1948 but it officially became the Republic of Sri Lanka in 1972, then changed to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka in 1978, which can help give you a rough idea of when the globe was produced.