

When William Brydone Jack landed his books and his satchels and his astronomical paraphernalia in Fredericton 150 years ago, he didn't mean to stay long. Only two years to be exact! But to UNB's everlasting credit, he stayed to become the university's first permanent president and the proverbial grandfather of most of Canada's present day surveying engineers.



To mark the anniversary of Jack's arrival on the Fredericton campus, Dr. Richard Langley (center) and his surveying engineering students recreated some of the Scottish professor's original measurements using modern space technology. Above, Dr. Langley and Masters students Iain Webster, left, of Alloa, Scotland, and Justin Walford, Cornwall, England, check out data.