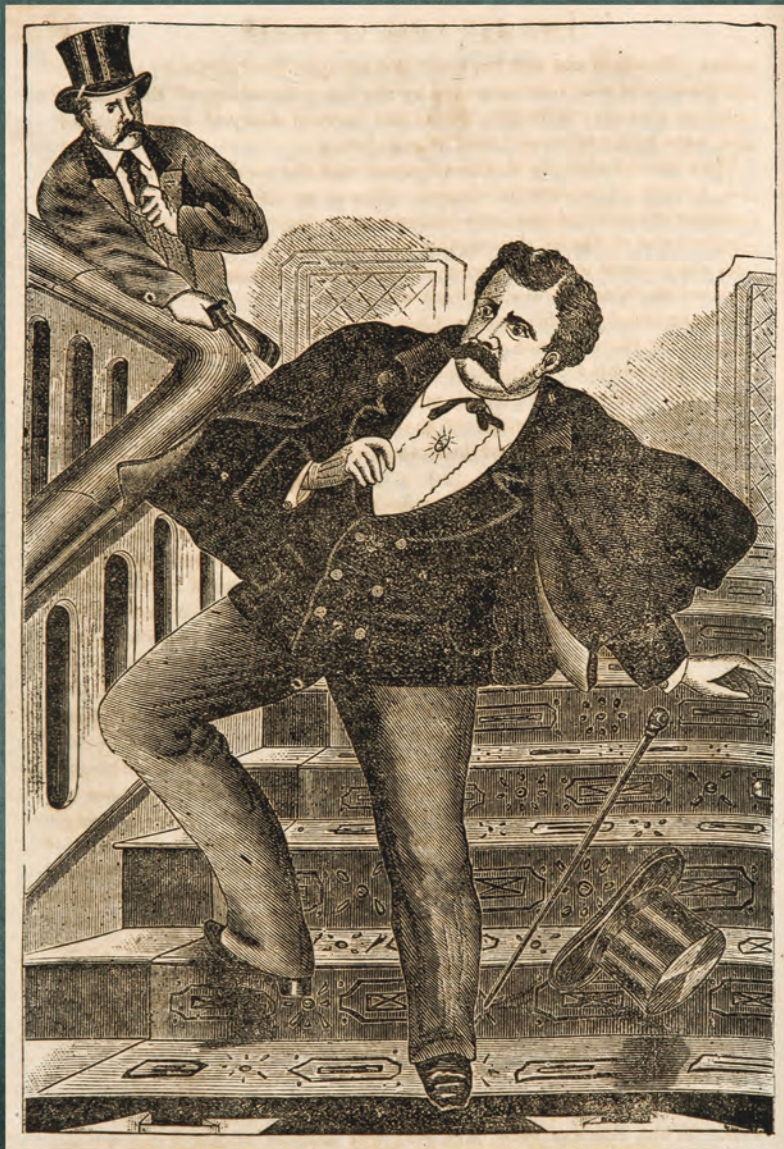


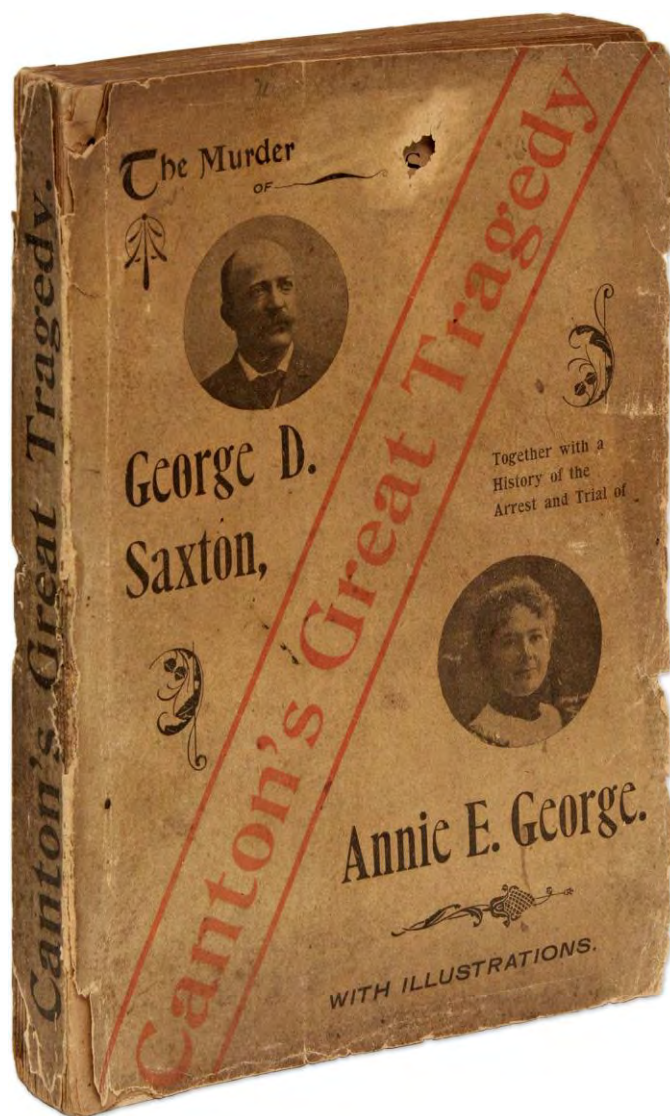
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Murder in Canton, Ohio: McDade 334

1. [Albaugh, Thurlow K. (1868-1937)].

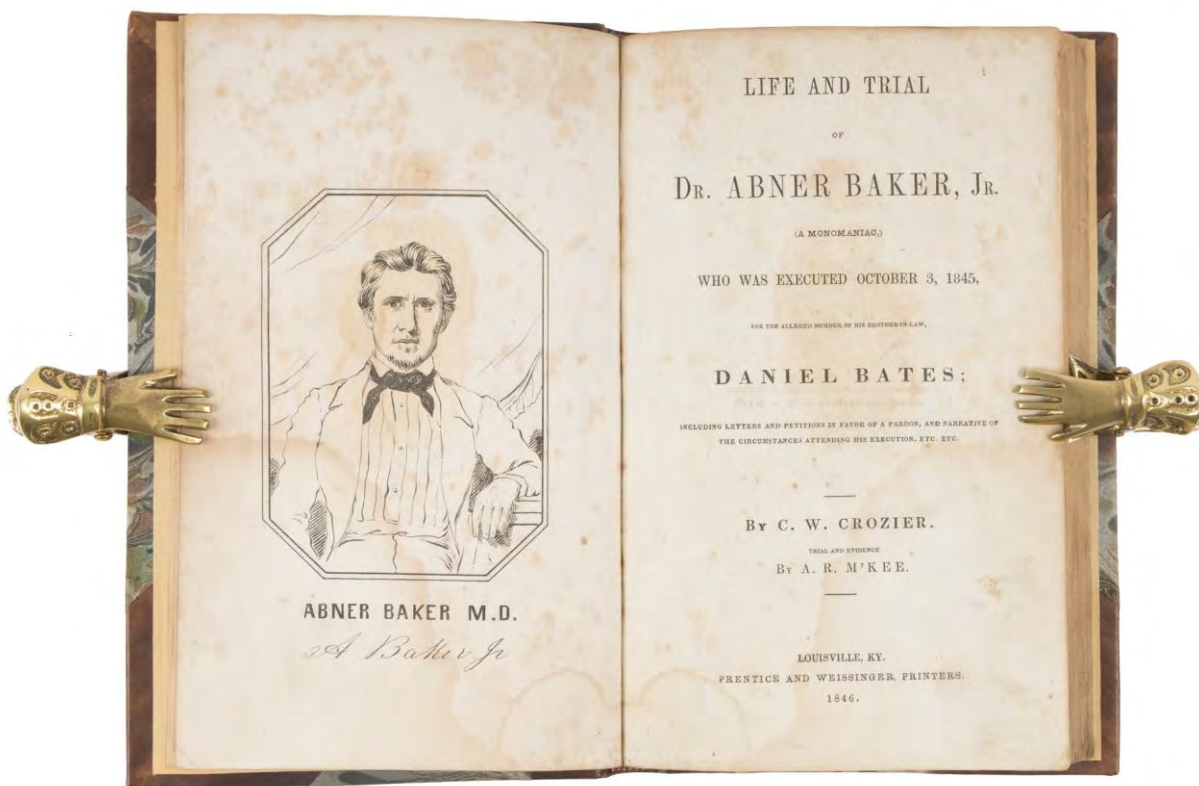
George, Annie, E. [b.1859].

Saxton, George D. [1848-1898].

Canton's Great Tragedy: The Murder of George D. Saxton, Together with a History of the Arrest and Trial of Annie E. George, Charged with the Murder. With Biographical Sketches of George D. Saxton and Annie E. George. With Illustrations. [Wooster, OH: Press of Clapper Printing Co., 1899]. [ii], 308 pp. 14 leaves of plates. Illustrations. Octavo (7-1/2" x 5-1/4").

Softbound book in pictorial wrappers. Moderate soiling, rubbing to extremities with wear to spine ends and corners, small hole to front wrapper, moderate browning to text, faint dampstaining to fore-edges of a few leaves near rear of text. \$750.

* Only edition. "Saxton, who was shot on October 7, 1898, was the brother of Mrs. William McKinley, wife of the President. Mrs. George was acquitted" (McDade). The title page ascribes this book to "Coe," which was the pen name of Albaugh K. Thurlow, a notable Ohio theater owner and manager. OCLC locates 15 copies, 6 outside of Ohio, 2 in law libraries (Harvard, University of Minnesota). McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 334. [Order This Item](#)



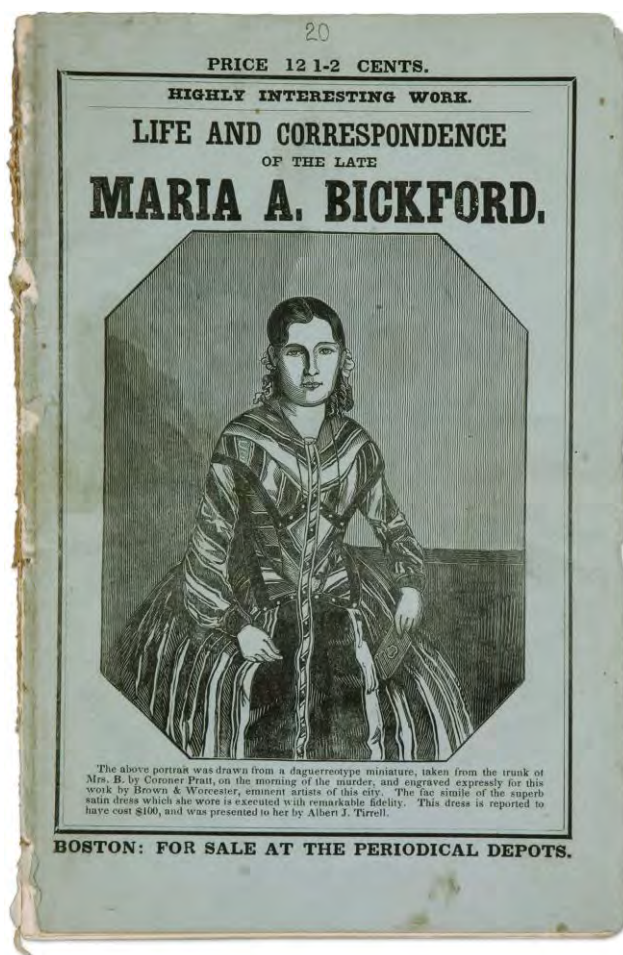
"More a Struggle Between Two Families Than an Affair of the State": McDade 60

2. Baker, Abner, Defendant.

Life and Trial of Dr. Abner Baker, Jr., (A Monomaniac) Who Was Executed October 3, 1845, For the Alleged Murder of His Brother-In-Law, Daniel Bates; Including Letters and Petitions in Favor of a Pardon, And Narrative of the Circumstances Attending His Execution, Etc. Etc. Trial And Evidence by A.R. M'Kee. Louisville, KY: Prentice and Weissinger, 1846. [iv], xiii, [1] 152 pp. Frontispiece (diagram of murder scene) and additional portrait frontispiece (of Baker). Octavo (8-1/2" x 5").

Modern period-style three-quarter calf over marbled boards, gilt title and fillets to spine, endpapers renewed. Light fading to spine, moderate toning and foxing, faint dampstaining to most of text. \$1,500.

* Only edition. "Dr. Baker thought Bates was having an affair with his wife. On a street in Cumberland, Kentucky, he shot Bates in the back, but was released as insane. The Bates family published and award for his capture, and Baker family pride, stung by the publication, produced the doctor, who was convicted and hanged. Like many Clay County cases, this was more a struggle between two families than an affair of the state" (McDade). OCLC locates 2 copies (at Yale Law School and Los Angeles County Law Library). McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 60. [Order This Item](#)



The First Use of Sleepwalking as a Defense in a Murder Trial: McDade 986

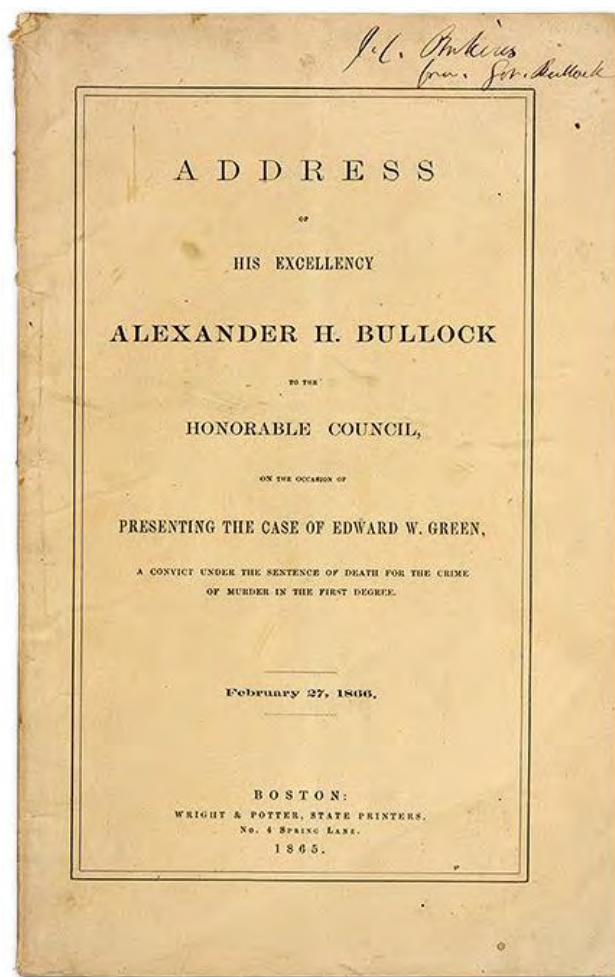
3. [Bickford, James, Compiler].

The Authentic Life of Mrs. Mary Ann Bickford, Who Was Murdered in the City of Boston, On the 27th of October, 1845. Comprising a Large Number of the Original Letters and Correspondence Never Before Published. Boston: Published by the Compiler, 1846. 48 pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-3/4").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet, original pictorial wrappers retained (and securely affixed to text block). Light soiling and a few smudges and stains to wrappers, "20" in small hand to head of front wrapper, small library bookplate to its verso. Light toning to text, light foxing to a few leaves. \$1,500.

* Second edition, published the same year as the first. In 1845, Albert Jackson Tirrell [1824-1880] murdered Mary Ann Bickford [1824-1845], with whom he had a relationship, in the brothel where she lived. The case was scandalous and widely publicized, especially after Tirrell's lawyer, Rufus Choate [1799-1859], successfully argued that Tirrell was innocent because he had been sleepwalking during the killing. This was the first time a defense based on sleepwalking was used in a murder trial. The letters collected by her brother in the *Authentic Life* document Mary Ann's relationship with her husband, James Bickford, and her relationship with Tirrell, who is shown to have been abusive and manipulative.

The OCLC listing for the second edition held by the New York Historical Society Library notes that "the color of the cover appears to be the only difference [between the two editions]." OCLC locates 16 copies of both editions, 3 in law libraries, which have the first edition (Harvard, Library of Congress, Yale). McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 986 (edition not stated). Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 13108. [Order This Item](#)



The First Man in America to Rob a Bank at Gunpoint: McDade 382

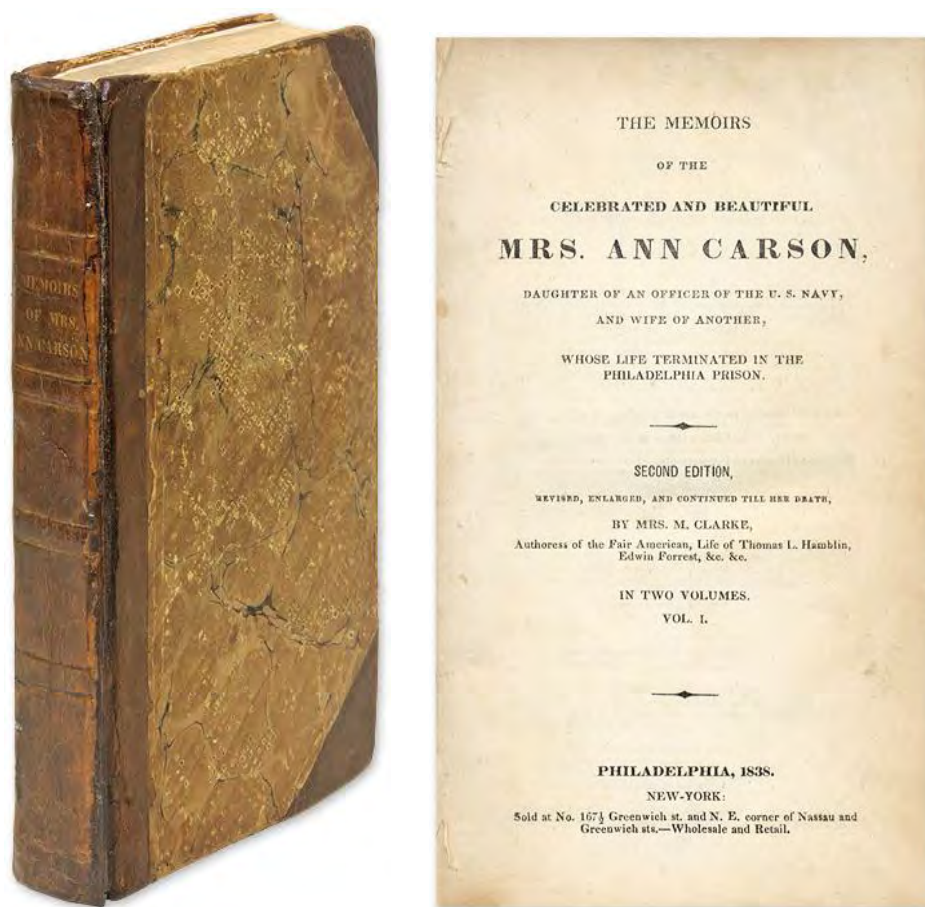
4. Bullock, Alexander H. [1816-1882].

Green, Edward W. [d.1866], Defendant.

Address of His Excellency Alexander H. Bullock to the Honorable Council on the Occasion of Presenting the Case of Edward W. Green, A Convict Under the Sentence of Death for the Crime of Murder in the First Degree. February 27, 1866. Boston, Wright & Potter, State Printers, 1865 [i.e. 1866]. 29 pp. Octavo (9-1/4" x 5-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers, recent repair to lower corner of rear wrapper. Light soiling and a few minor spots, light wear to spine ends, faint vertical crease through center, presentation inscription, "J.C. Jenkins from Gov. Gov. Bullock," to head of front wrapper, light toning to interior, a few spots to title page. \$750.

* Only edition. According to McDade, Green, the postmaster of Malden, Massachusetts, was the first person to rob an American bank at gunpoint. He was "a 'secretly drinking man' and had been short on his post office accounts. On December 15, 1863, finding the bank manned solely by the seventeen-year-old son of the president, he went back for his gun. Entering the bank, he shot the youth twice through the head and carried off \$5,000. in bills. The crime was very quickly traced to him; his confession disclosed where he had hidden the money, and he was condemned to die" (McDade, annotation to 381). Bullock was the governor of Massachusetts. His *Address* discusses his reasons for signing Green's death warrant. OCLC locates 5 copies in North American law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress, Ohio State University, Worcester Trial Court Library, Yale). McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 382. [Order This Item](#)



A Fascinating and Enterprising Nineteenth-Century Female Criminal: McDade 888

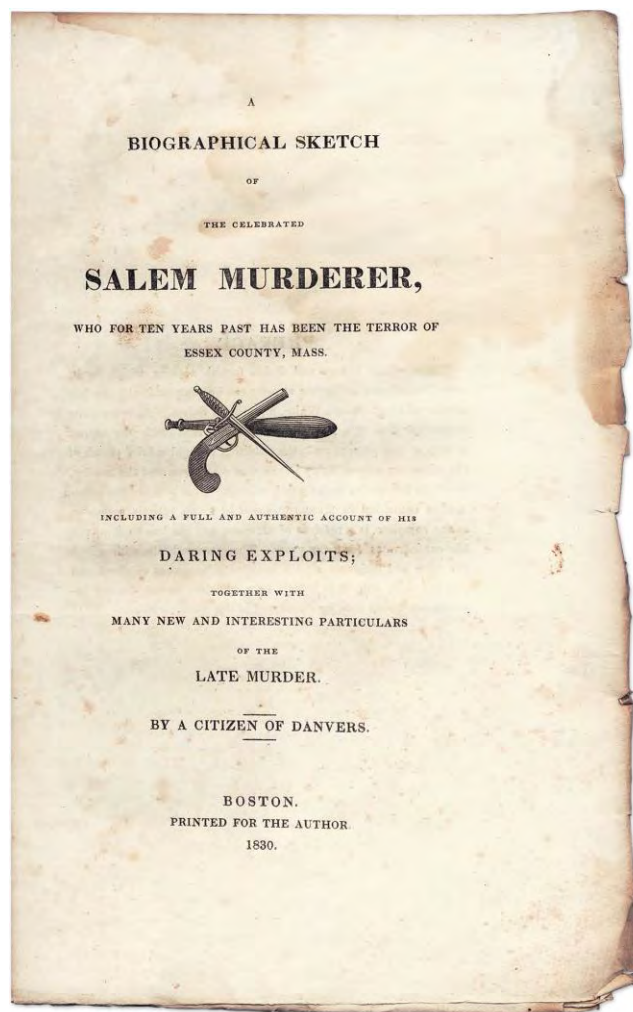
5. Carson, Ann Baker.

Clarke, Mrs. M.

The Memoirs of the Celebrated and Beautiful Mrs. Ann Carson, Daughter of an Officer of the U.S. Navy, And Wife of Another, Whose Life Terminated in the Philadelphia Prison. Second Edition, Revised, Enlarged, And Continued Till Her Death, by Mrs. M. Clarke, Authoress of The Fair American, Life of Thomas L. Hamblin, Edwin Forrest, &c. &c. Philadelphia, 1838. New York: Sold at No. 167 1/2 Greenwich St. and N.E. Corner of Nassau and Greenwich Sts.--Wholesale and Retail. 1838. Two volumes in one. xiii, [2], 16-231, [1]; [iii], 6-175, [1] pp. Last page in each volume blank. 12mo. (7-1/4" x 4-1/4").

Contemporary three-quarter calf over marbled boards, rebacked retaining existing spine, endpapers renewed, title page and following leaf re-hinged. Light rubbing to boards, small scuff to front board, moderate rubbing to extremities with wear to corners. Moderate toning to text, light foxing in a few places. An appealing copy of a rare title. \$950.

* Second and best edition. "The Carsons had been married nine years when John Carson left home in 1810. Not having heard from him for two years, his wife married [Richard] Smith. Carson returned and, in trying to dispossess Smith of his wife and home, was shot by Smith. The judge practically directed Smith's conviction and he was hanged. Mrs. Carson, who was a rugged individual in her own right, tried to kidnap the governor to save Smith. After his execution she joined a gang of counterfeiters and subsequently died in prison" (McDade). This account went through two editions, both in 1838. The second edition is better because it contains additional material, as indicated by the title. Both editions are rare. OCLC locates no copies of the first edition, 4 of the second (American Antiquarian Society, New-York Historical Society, University of Michigan, Yale University) McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 888. [Order This Item](#)



One of the Men Who Murdered Captain White: McDade 564

6. Citizen of Danvers.

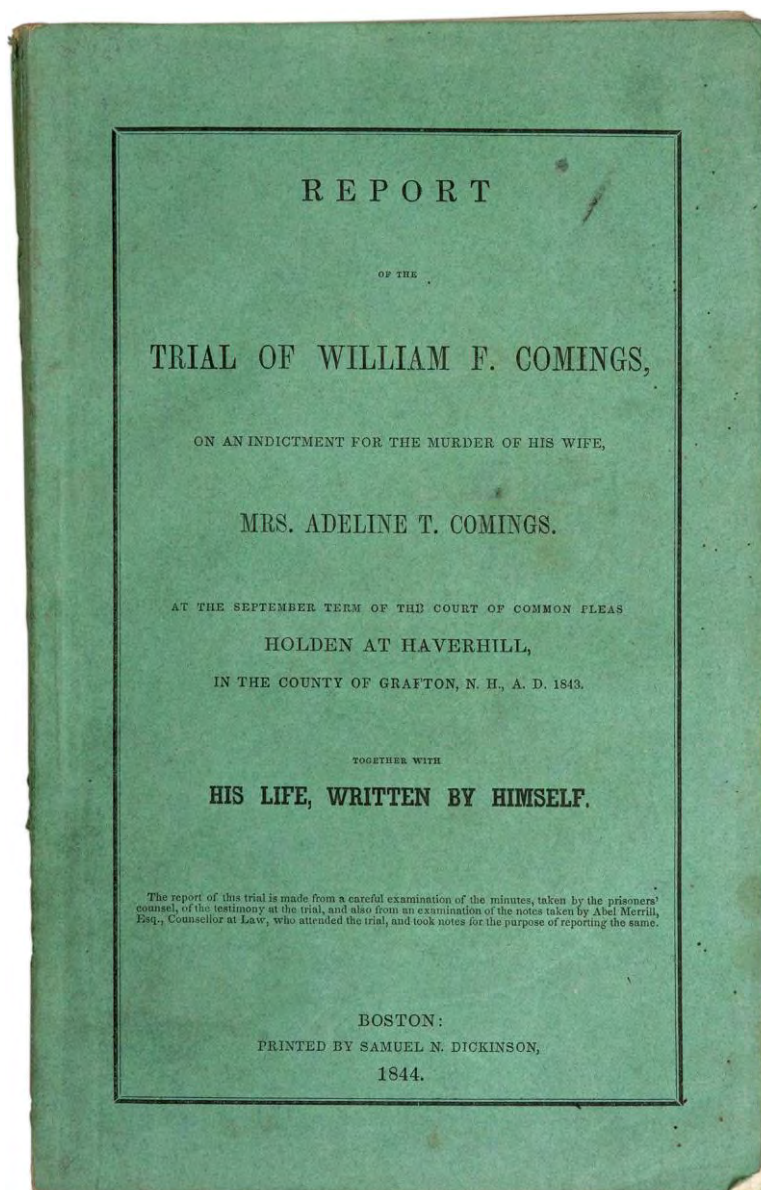
[Crowninshield, Richard (1804-1830)].

Biographical Sketch of the Celebrated Salem Murderer, Who for Ten Years Past has Been the Terror of Essex County, Mass. Including a Full and Authentic Account of His Daring Exploits; Together with Many New and Interesting Particulars of the Late Murder. Boston: Printed for the Author, 1830. 24 pp. Woodcut frontispiece and title-page vignette. Octavo (9-1/4" x 6").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet, untrimmed edges. Negligible light soiling to exterior, light toning to text, faint dampstaining to upper half of text block, faint dampspotting to several leaves. A scarce title. \$600.

* First edition. The murder of Joseph White, a wealthy retired sea captain, a conspiracy by a relative, Joseph Knapp, who hired his brother Frank Knapp and the brothers Richard and George Crowninshield, was one of the most famous trials of the 1830s. Joseph Knapp received immunity for turning in the Crowninshields. George Crowninshield had a good alibi that prevented his conviction. Richard Crowninshield escaped justice by hanging himself. After a second trial, John Francis Knapp was convicted and sentenced to death. *Biographical Sketch* is a record of Richard Crowninshield's misspent youth. A second edition with a slightly different title was published in 1845. Both are scarce. OCLC locates 13 copies of the first edition, 3 in law libraries (Social Law, University of Missouri, Yale). McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 564.

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He Tried to Make the Murder Look Like a Suicide: McDade 208

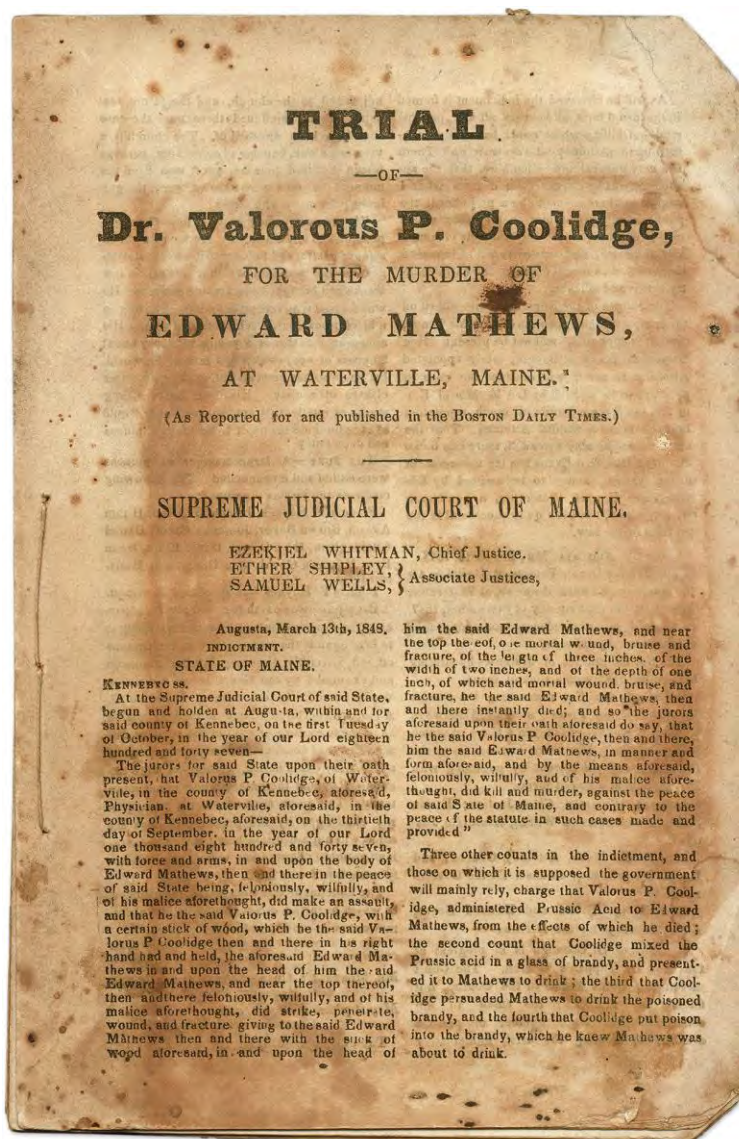
7. Comings, William F., Defendant.

Report of the Trial of William F. Comings: On an Indictment for the Murder of His Wife, Mrs. Adeline T. Comings. At the September Term of the Court of Common Pleas Holden at Haverhill, In the County of Grafton, N.H., A.D. 1843. Together with His Life, Written by Himself. Boston: Samuel N. Dickinson, 1844. 158 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers. Light soiling and a few minor marks to wrappers, light wear to spine ends and corners, rear joint and adjacent signature just starting to detach at foot, some loss to foot of fore-edge of rear half of text block with no loss to text. Light toning to text, somewhat heavier in places, occasional light foxing. \$950.

* Only edition. "He was convicted of strangling his wife at Bath, N.H., with a handkerchief, and suspending her from a bedpost to make it appear to be suicide" (McDade). OCLC locates 5 copies in law libraries (Library of Congress, New York University, Social Law Library, University of Missouri, Yale). McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 208. [Order This Item](#)

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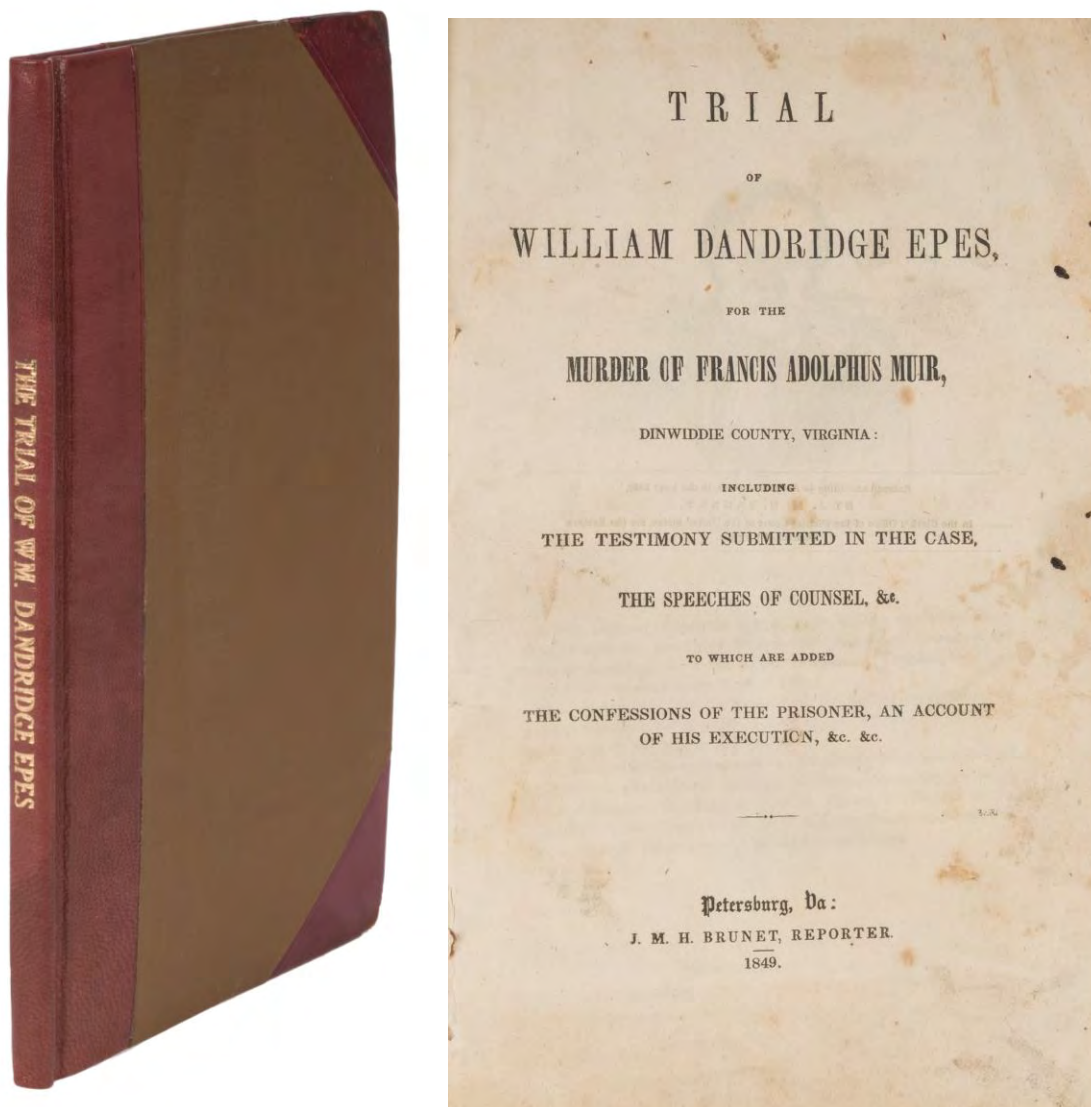
Poisoned by His Doctor: McDade 211

8. Coolidge, Valorous P. [c.1823-1849], Defendant.

Trial of Dr. Valorous P. Coolidge, For the Murder of Edward Mathews, At Waterville, Maine (As Reported For and Published in the Boston Daily Times). [N.p.: S.n., 1848]. 40 pp. Text in parallel columns. Octavo (9-1/2" x 6").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in self-wrappers, untrimmed edges. Some wear to corners, moderate browning, heavier browning to leaves at beginning and end of text, faint dampstaining in a few places, tiny inkspots to a few leaves. \$350.

* Only edition. Coolidge murdered Mathews with a shot of poison-laced brandy because Mathews refused to loan him money. When the body was found Coolidge was summoned by the coroner's jury to perform an autopsy on his own victim. After an inept series of attempts to hide his crime, Coolidge was convicted and sentenced to hang. He cheated the gallows, however, by committing suicide. OCLC locates 2 copies, none in law libraries. We located a copy, however, at Yale Law School. McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 211. [Order This Item](#)



An 1849 Murder in Petersburg, VA: McDade 286

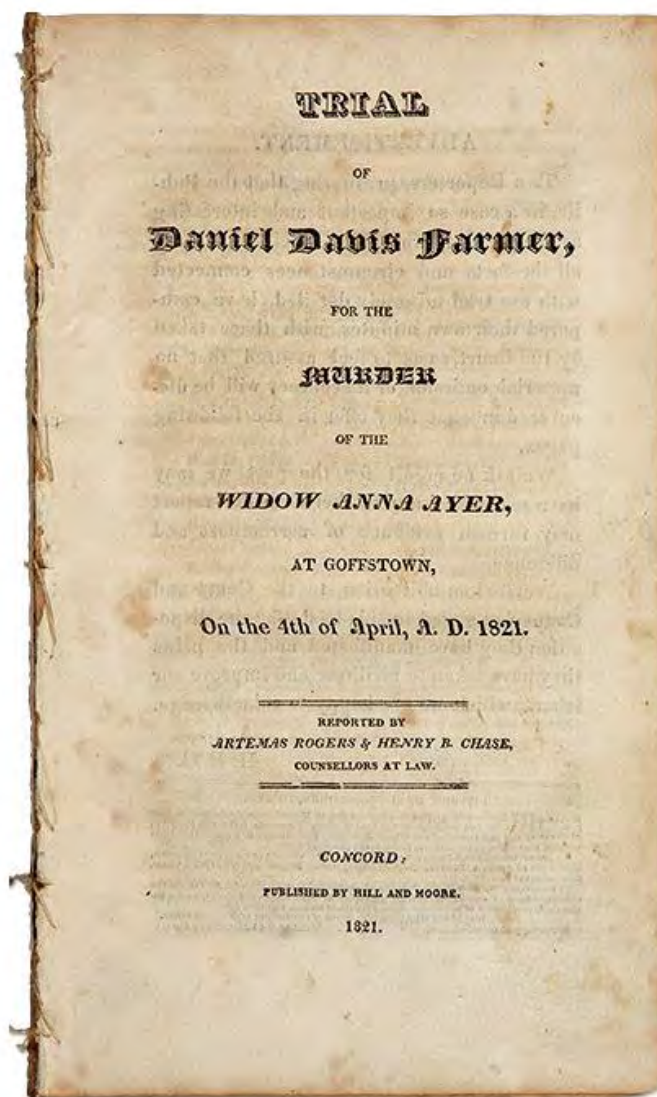
9. Epes, William Dandridge [1806?-1848], Defendant.

Brunet, J[ames] M[onroe].H. [d. 1856], Reporter.

Trial of William Dandridge Epes, For the Murder of Francis Adolphus Muir, Dinwiddie County, Virginia: Including the Testimony Submitted in the Case, The Speeches of Counsel, &c. To Which are Added the Confessions of the Prisoner, An Account of His Execution, &c. &c. Petersburg, VA: J.M.H. Brunet, Reporter, 1849. 76 pp. Woodcut portrait of Epes on p.3.

Stab-stitched pamphlet bound into later three-quarter calf over cloth, recently rebacked, gilt title to spine, endpapers renewed. Light rubbing to board edges, some wear to corners. Moderate toning to text, light foxing in a few places, light soiling and edgewear to title page, the following leaf and final leaf. \$1,850.

* "Muir threatened to foreclose [farm] property he had sold to Epes, so Epes shot his creditor and hid his body on the farm. He faked a series of letters to account for Muir's absence, but he pawned his victim's watch and led the police to his door" (McDade). OCLC locates 7 copies in law libraries (Harvard, Jenkins, Library of Congress, University of Missouri, University of Virginia, US Supreme Court, William & Mary). McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 286. [Order This Item](#)



He Beat Her to Death with a Shovel: McDade 300

10. Farmer, Daniel Davis [1793-1822], Defendant.

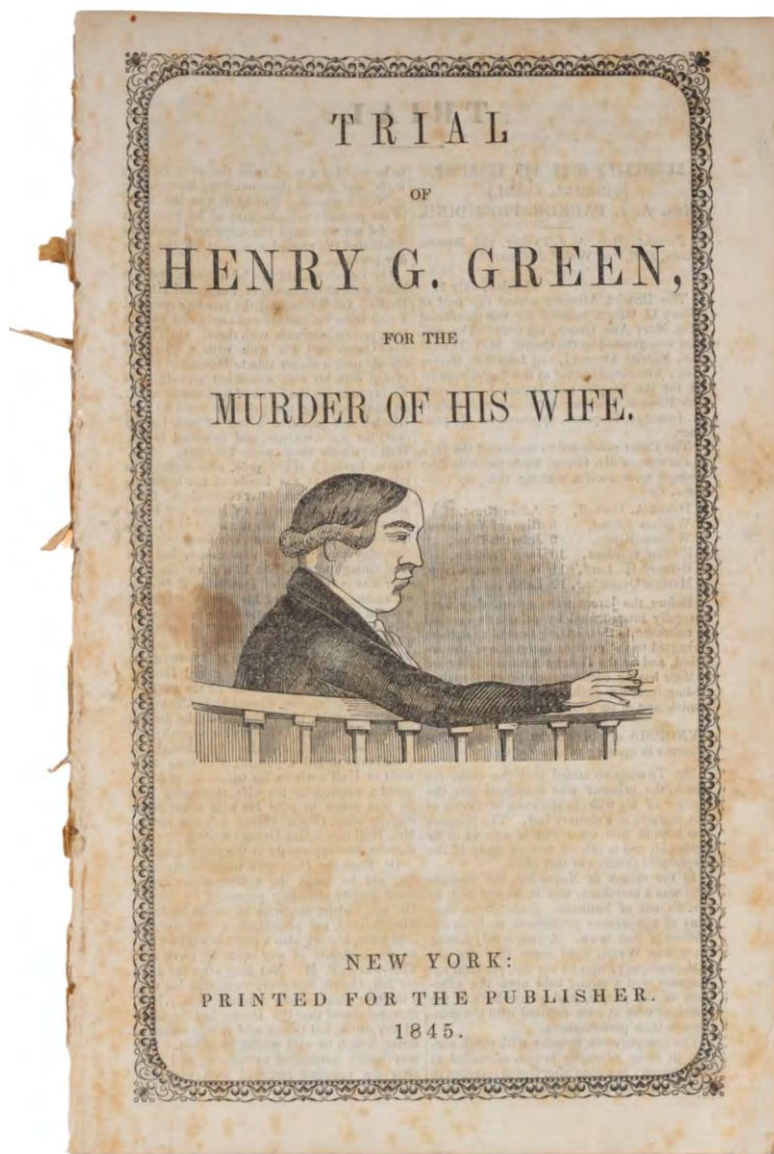
Rogers, Artemas, Reporter.

Chase, Henry B., Reporter.

Trial of Daniel Davis Farmer, For the Murder of the Widow Anna Ayer, At Goffstown, On the 4th of April, A.D. 1821. Concord [NH]: Published by Hill and Moore, 1821. 72 pp. Octavo (8" x 5-1/4").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Light soiling to exterior, light rubbing to extremities, light browning and occasional light foxing to text. \$250.

* Only edition. "Mrs. Ayer had charged Farmer with fathering her child. He beat her to death with a cudgel [sic] and tried to burn her house" (McDade). The report states that the murder weapon was an iron shovel. Farmer was found guilty and executed. McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 300. [Order This Item](#)



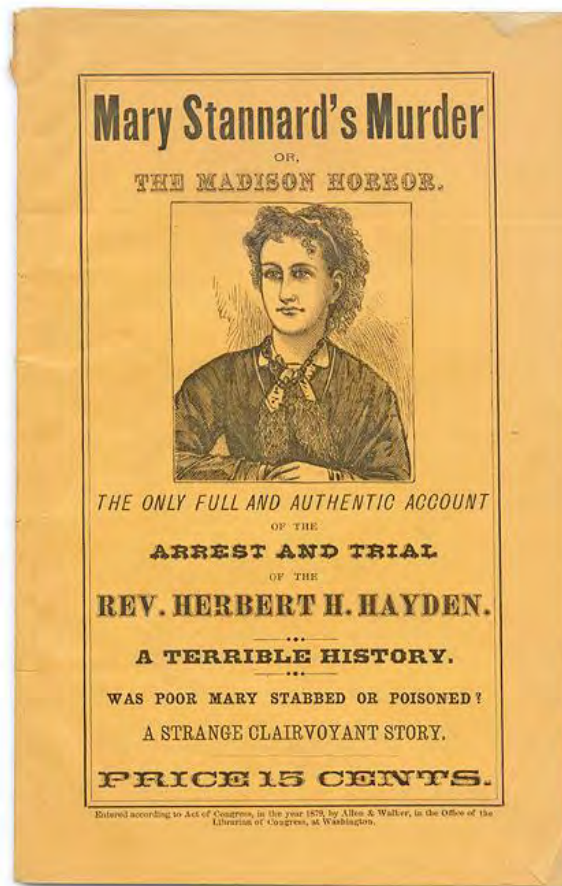
He Poisoned His Wife with Arsenic: McDade 389

11. Green, Henry G., Defendant.

Trial of Henry G. Green, For the Murder of His Wife. New York: Printed for the Publisher, 1845. 32 pp. Text to p. 22 in parallel columns. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet, woodcut portrait frontispiece of Green to title page. Moderate toning and light foxing, corners of a few leaves dog-eared, lower right corner lacking from final leaf of text with minor loss. \$950.

* Only edition. "Green, twenty-two years old, met his wife, Mary Ann Wyatt, eighteen years old, during some Temperance lectures. They had been married less than a week when he poisoned her with arsenic at Berlin, New York. The crime seems to have been induced by his mother's disapproval of his wife" (McDade, annotation to 384). Our New York imprint appears to be based on a 48-page account published in Troy, NY. OCLC locates 6 copies, 2 in law libraries (Harvard, University of Pennsylvania). McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 389. [Order This Item](#)



"The Most Mysterious of All the Cases Which Have Baptized Connecticut in Blood": McDade 449

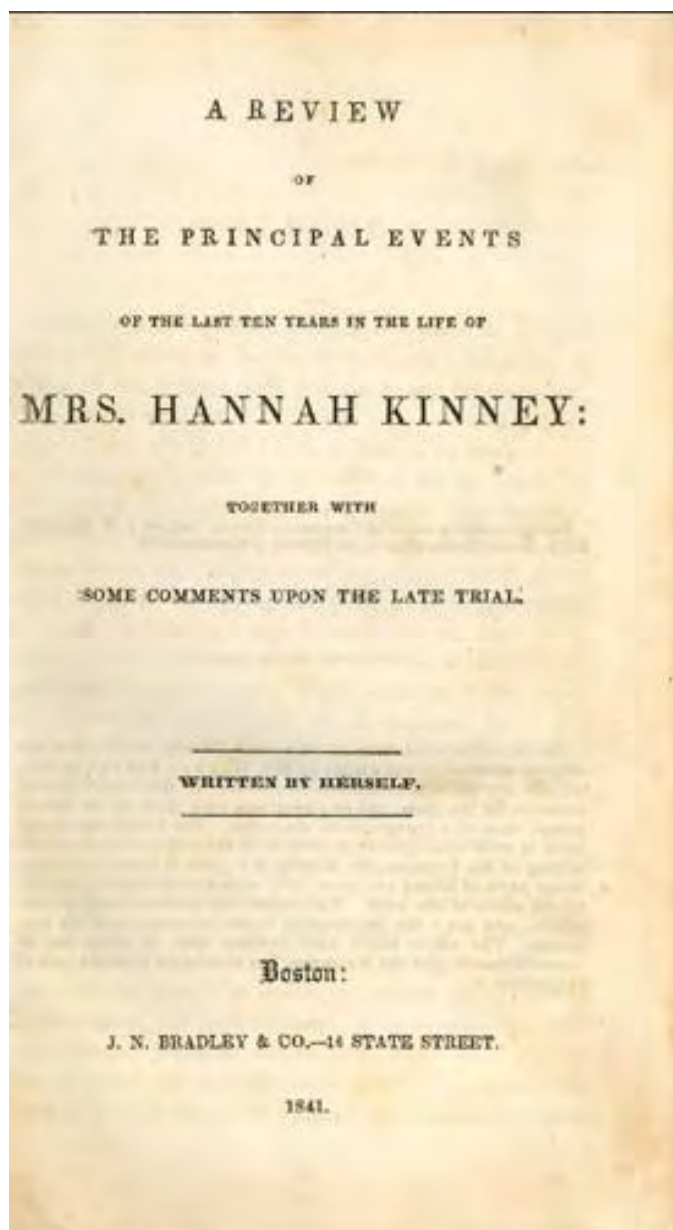
12. [Hayden, Herbert H. (b.1850), Defendant].

Stannard, Mary [1856-1878].

Poor Mary Stannard! Full and Thrilling Story of the Circumstances Connected with Her Murder. History of the Monstrous Madison Crime. The Most Mysterious of All the Cases Which have Baptized Connecticut in Blood. The Only True and Reliable Account. The Clairvoyant's Wonderful Story. New Haven: Stafford Print. Co., 1879. 47 pp. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers with a woodcut portrait of Stannard. Faint fold lines, some wear to spine ends, a few small chips to edges, small dampstain to upper corner of front wrapper, some browning to text. A well-preserved copy. \$850.

* Only edition. "In 1879, the body of Mary Stannard, twenty-two, once the servant of Reverend Herbert H. Hayden, was found in one of Hayden's fields in Madison, Conn. Her throat was cut, her skull was fractured, and there was arsenic in her stomach. Stannard had spoken to several people about her recent pregnancy by Hayden, and explained that he was going to give her something to induce an abortion. She said also that she was planning to meet Hayden in the field to pick berries and discuss their future. Unable to account for himself during the time of the killing, Hayden was arrested after it was discovered that he had purchased an ounce of arsenic "to kill rats" the day of his former servant's death.... At the three-month trial, a clairvoyant testified to the defendant's innocence, the first such incident in an American courtroom. A hung jury resulted in Hayden's release" (Nash). OCLC locates 12 copies, 2 in law libraries (University of Missouri, Yale). Nash, *Encyclopedia of World Crime* 1493. McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 449. [Order This Item](#)



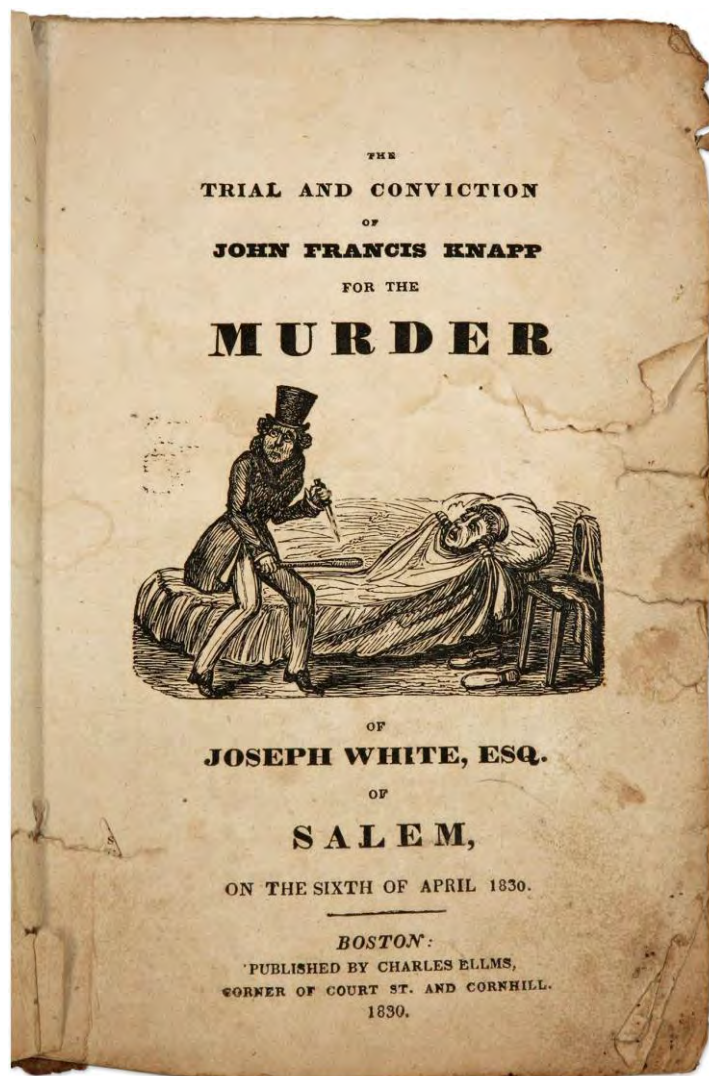
Mrs. Kinney Defends Herself: McDade 561

13. Kinney, Hannah.

A Review of the Principal Events of the Last Ten Years in the Life of Hannah Kinney: Together with Some Comments Upon the Late Trial. Written by Herself. Boston: J.N. Bradley & Co., 1841. 87 pp. Octavo (7" x 4-1/2").

Contemporary cloth, rubbing with some wear to extremities, front hinge starting, front free endpaper lacking. Faint dampstaining to foot of text block near gutter, occasional light foxing, internally clean. \$200.

* Only edition. When Mr. Kinney died of arsenic poisoning, Mrs. Kinney's suspicious behavior brought her to trial. She was acquitted. According to McDade, there is a related work entitled *A Brief Notice of the Life of Mrs. Hannah Kinney for Twenty Years* by Ward Witham, her first husband, who reports that she never tried to poison him. McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 561. [Order This Item](#)



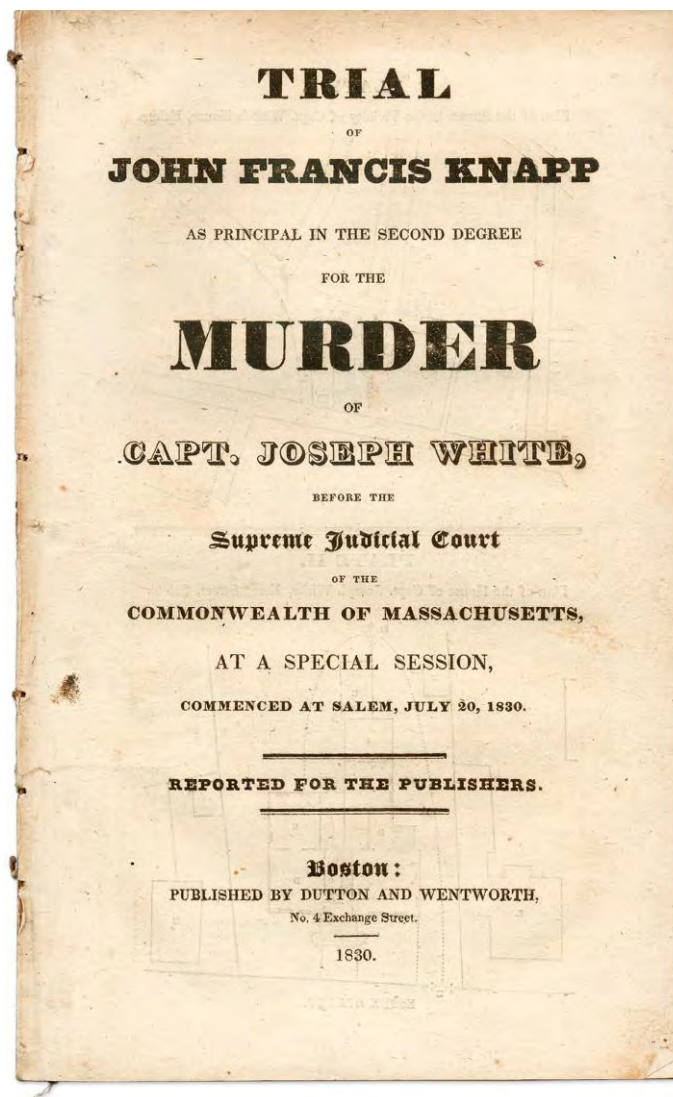
A Famous Salem Murder: McDade 569

14. Knapp, John Francis, Defendant.

The Trial and Conviction of John Francis Knapp for the Murder of Joseph White, Esq. of Salem, On the Sixth of April 1830. Boston: Published by Charles Ellms, 1830. 35, [1] pp. Woodcut frontispiece. Woodcut title vignette of murder. Half-title reads: *Knapp's Second Trial, Conviction, And Sentence.* Octavo (9" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet, wrappers lacking. Light soiling to exterior, moderate toning to text, some chipping, short tears and wear to fore-edges of leaves through p. 19 with no loss to text, faint spotting in a few places, faint dampstaining to a few leaves. A scarce title. \$600.

* Only edition. The murder of Joseph White, a wealthy retired sea captain, a conspiracy by a relative, Joseph Knapp, who hired his brother John Francis Knapp and the brothers Richard and George Crowninshield, was one of the most famous trials of the 1830s. Joseph Knapp received immunity for turning in the Crowninshields. George Crowninshield had a good alibi that prevented his conviction. Richard Crowninshield escaped justice by hanging himself. John Francis Knapp was tried twice. He was convicted in his second trial and sentenced to death. OCLC locates 9 copies, 2 in law libraries (Library of Congress, Yale). McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 569. [Order This Item](#)



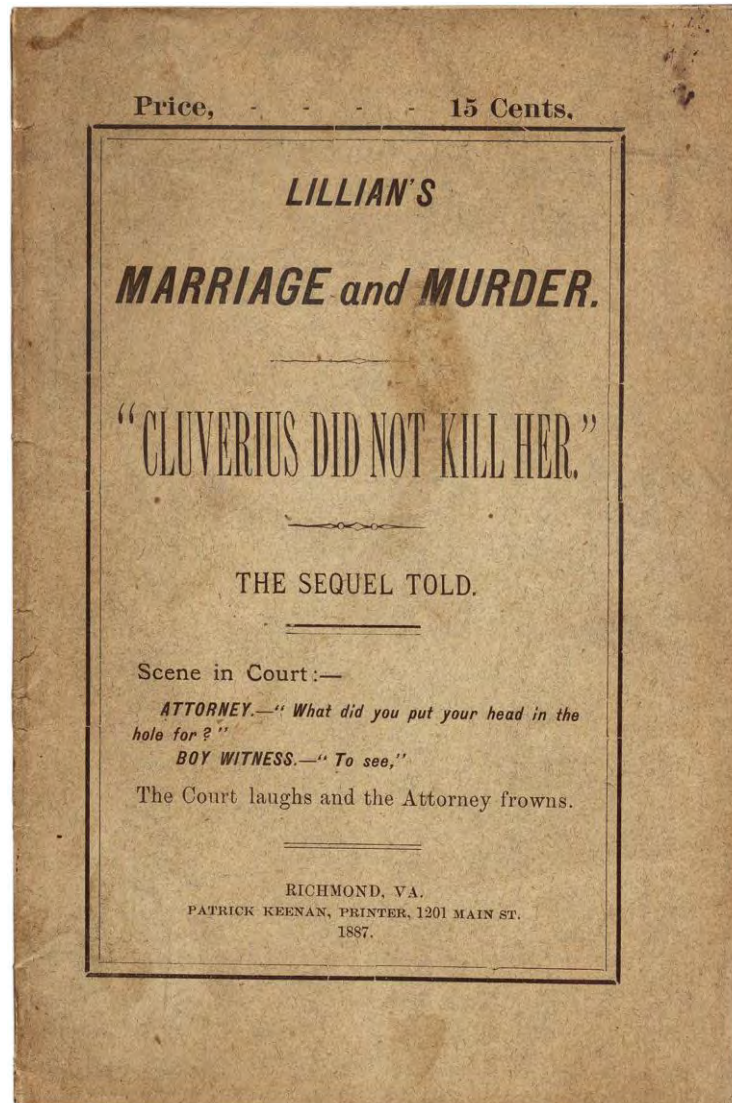
The Jury Could Not Decide: McDade 572

15. Knapp, John Francis, Defendant.

Trial of John Francis Knapp as Principal in the Second Degree for the Murder of Capt. Joseph White, Before the Supreme Judicial Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, At a Special Session, Commenced at Salem, July 20, 1830. Reported for the Publishers. Boston: Published by Dutton and Wentworth, 1830. 60 pp. Woodcut maps and illustration of the murder weapon. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Negligible light soiling to exterior, tiny smudge to title page, light toning. A nice copy of a scarce title. \$500.

* Only edition. The murder of Joseph White, a wealthy retired sea captain, a conspiracy by a relative, Joseph Knapp, who hired his brother John Francis Knapp and the brothers Richard and George Crowninshield, was one of the most famous trials of the 1830s. Joseph Knapp received immunity for turning in the Crowninshields. George Crowninshield had a good alibi that prevented his conviction. Richard Crowninshield escaped justice by hanging himself. John Francis Knapp was tried twice. He was convicted in his second trial and sentenced to death. OCLC locates 3 copies in law libraries (Library of Congress, University of Pennsylvania, Yale). McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 572. [Order This Item](#)



Cluverius Defended by a Family Friend: McDade 194

16. [Leigh, Phillip].

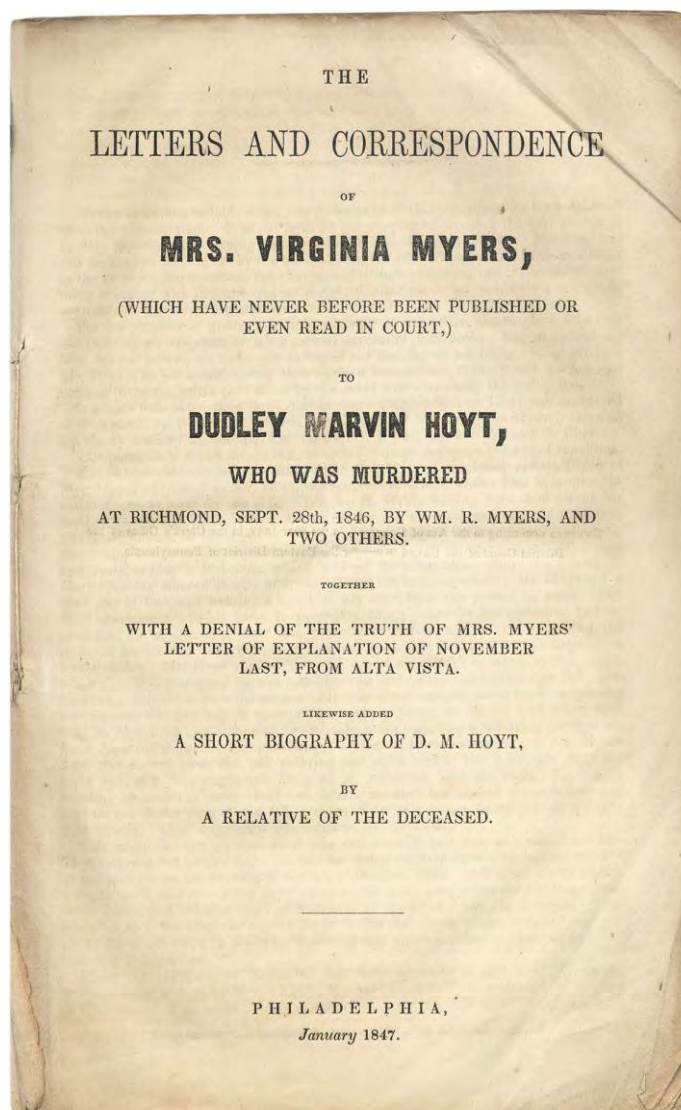
[Cluverius, Thomas J. (1861-1887), Defendant].

Lillian Madison's Marriage and Murder: Cluverius Did Not Kill Her. The Sequel Told. Richmond, VA: Patrick Keenan, Printer, 1887. 29 pp. Octavo (7-3/4" x 5").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers. Light soiling and faint staining to wrappers, some offsetting to rear wrapper, light edgewear, lower corner lacking from rear free endpaper and wrapper. Light toning to text, a few tiny dampspots to title page. \$450.

* Only edition. Dedicated to Willie Cluverius, this is a defense by a friend of the Cluverius family. Cluverius had a secret romantic relationship with his cousin, Lillian Madison. "He finally had her come to Richmond, where he murdered her and threw her body into the reservoir. He was quickly traced, tried, and executed" (McDade). OCLC locates two copies (at the New-York Historical Society and the University of Michigan, Clements Library). McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 194.

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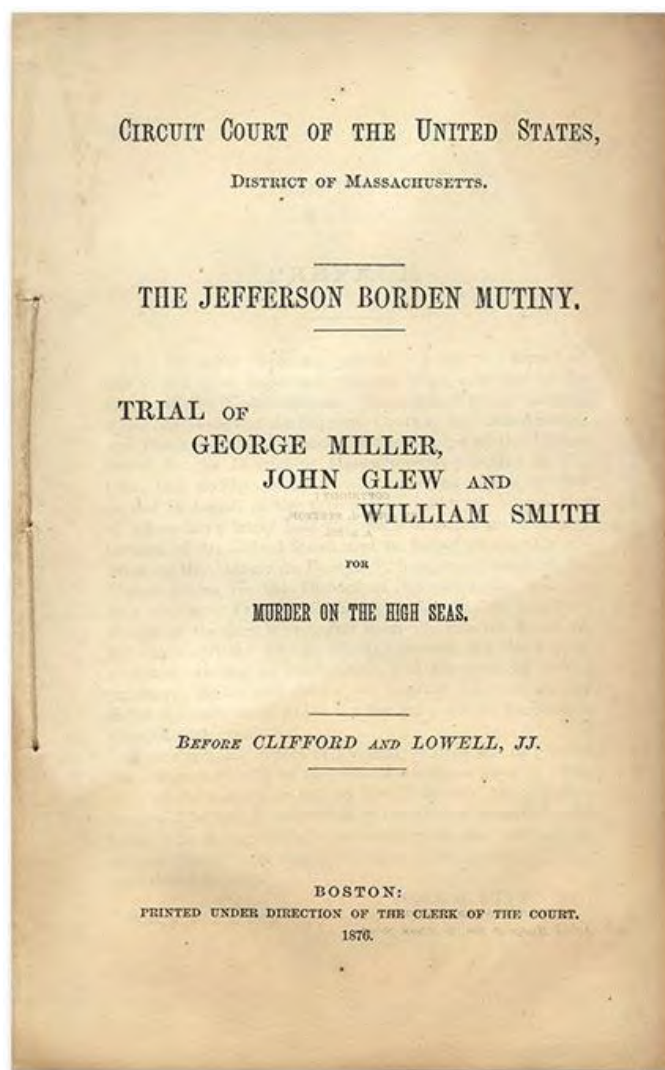
A Murder in Richmond: McDade 711

17. Myers, William R., Defendant.

The Letters and Correspondence of Mrs. Virginia Myers, (Which Have Never Before Been Published or Even Read in Court,) to Dudley Marvin Hoyt, Who was Murdered at Richmond, Sept. 28th, 1846, by Wm. R. Myers, and Two Others. Together with a Denial of the Truth of Mrs. Myers' Letter of Explanation of November Last, From Alta Vista. Likewise Added a Short Biography of D.M. Hoyt, By a Relative of the Deceased. Philadelphia: S.n., 1847. 63 pp. Main text in parallel columns. Octavo (9" x 5-1/2").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers. Front wrapper edgeworn, chipped and partially detached, rear wrapper lacking. Light browning to text, light foxing to a few leaves, final leaf lightly edgeworn and partially detached. \$300.

* Only edition. "Dudley Hoyt had been intimate with Mrs. Myers in a hotel in Richmond, Virginia. Her husband, with his brother and a friend, called on Hoyt and presented him with a paper to sign promising to leave the city never to return. He refused and Myers shot him. All were acquitted" (McDade). OCLC locates 7 copies in law libraries (Harvard, Library of Congress, Northwestern, University of Cincinnati, University of Richmond, US Supreme Court, Worcester County Law Library). McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 711. [Order This Item](#)



Mutiny and Murder on the High Seas: McDade 679

18. Miller, George [d. 1876], Defendant.

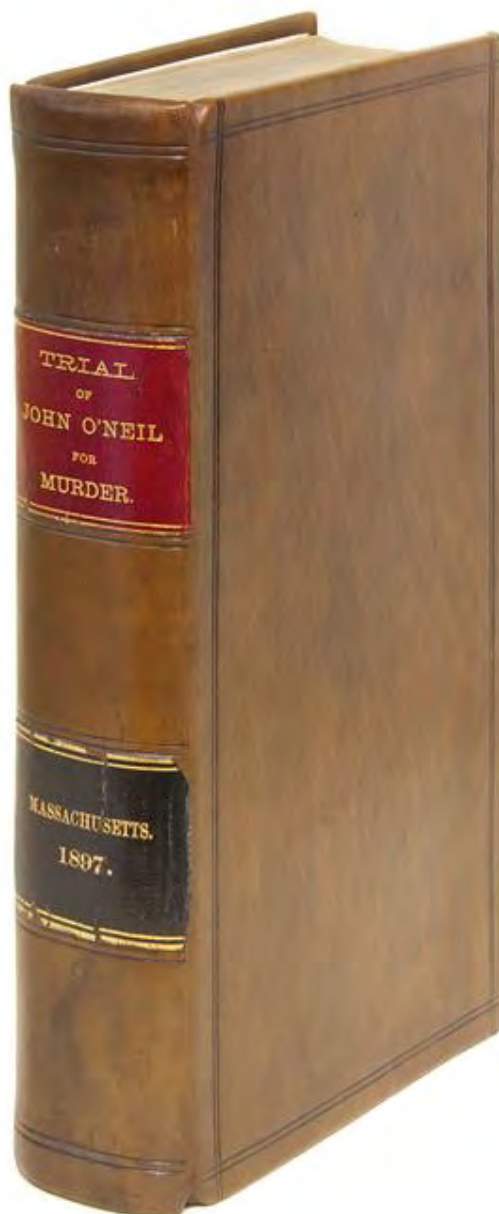
Glew, John, Defendant.

Smith, William [d. 1876], Defendant.

The Jefferson Borden Mutiny: Trial of George Miller, John Glen, And William Smith for Murder on the High Seas: Before Clifford & Lowell, JJ. Boston: Printed Under the Direction of the Clerk of the Court, 1876. 141 pp. Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet, printed wrappers, which are detached with moderate edgewear, fading and light soiling, spine perished, text block secure. Moderate toning to text, faint offsetting to title page, light foxing to a few leaves, heavier offsetting to verso of final leaf, a blank. \$350.

* Only edition. "The *Jefferson Borden* was bound for London from New Orleans. Corydon Trask Patterson was the mate, and in the course of a mutiny, he was hit with an iron bar and thrown overboard. The mutiny was suppressed, and at this trial Glew was acquitted and Miller and Smith were condemned" (McDade). This official account includes the indictment, arraignment, pleas, assignment of counsel to prisoners, empaneling of the jury, evidence, charge to the jury, verdict, remarks of the Court on passing sentence and the sentences. McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 679. [Order This Item](#)



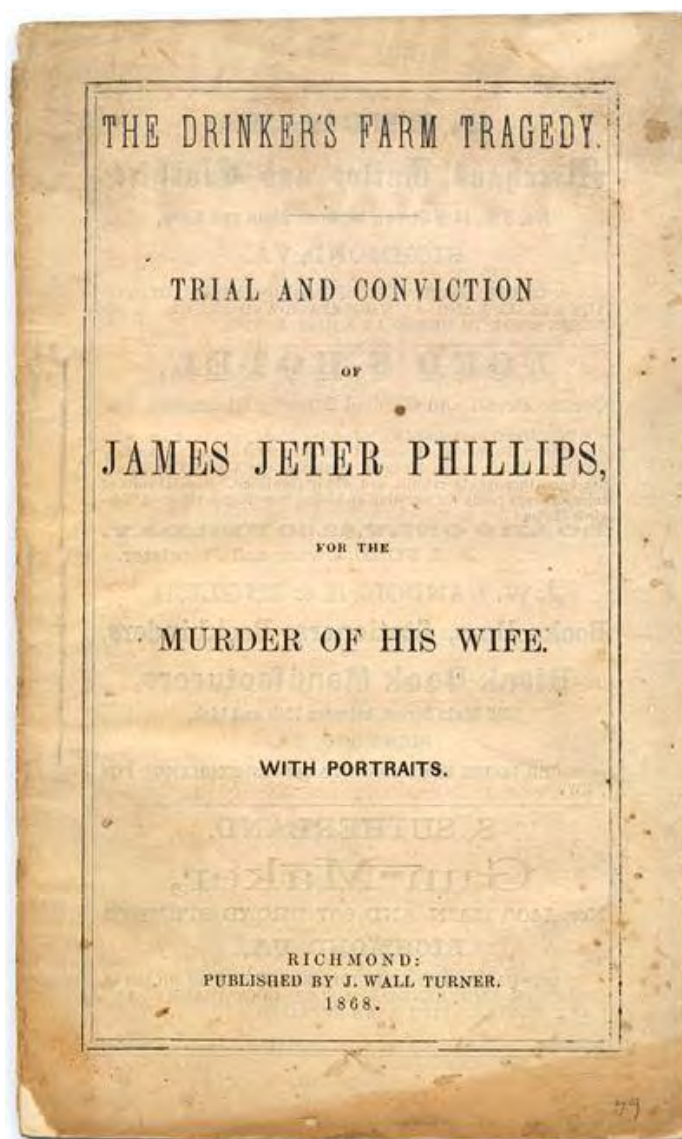
Murder, Rape and Necrophilia on a Country Lane in Massachusetts: McDade 722

19. O'Neil, John [1873?-1908], Defendant.

The Official Report of the Trial of John O'Neil for the Murder of Hattie Evelyn McCloud, In the Superior Court of Massachusetts. From Notes of the Official Stenographers. Published by the Attorney-General, Under Chapter 214 of Acts of 1886. Boston: Wright & Potter Printing Co., 1901. [iv], 730 pp. Color map. Octavo (9" x 5-3/4").

Recent period-style calf, blind rules to boards, blind fillets and original lettering pieces to spine, endpapers renewed. Light toning to text, negligible edgewear to preliminaries. \$650.

* Only edition. O'Neil, an unemployed machinist with a drinking problem, strangled Mrs. McCloud, then raped her corpse, on a country lane near Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts, on January 8, 1897. Convicted later than year, O'Neil was executed on January 7, 1898. McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 722. [Order This Item](#)



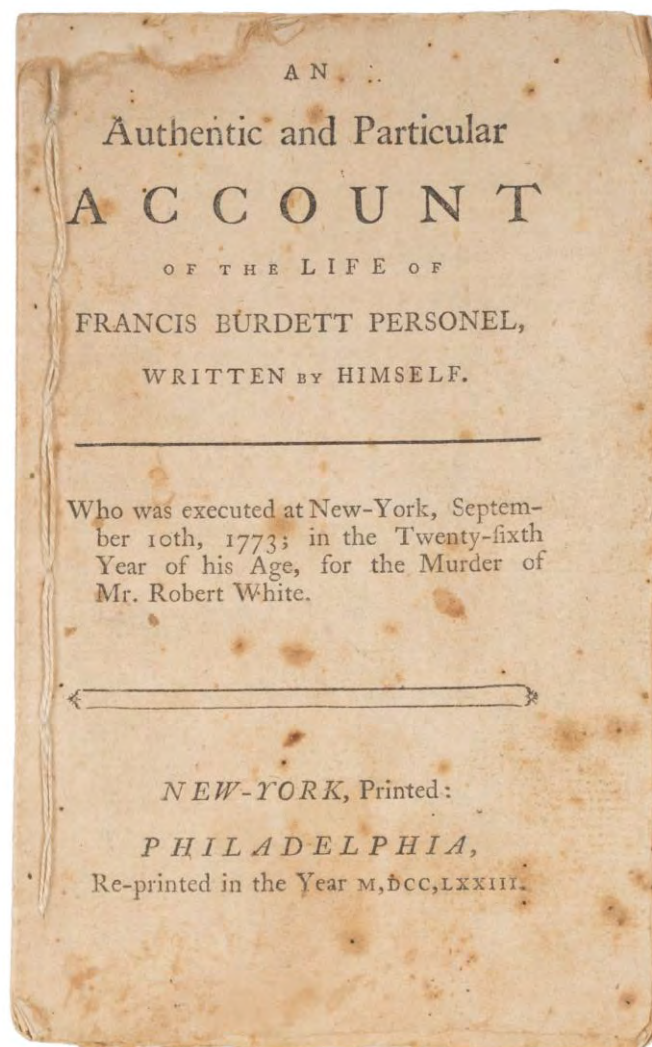
A Scarce Account: McDade 747

20. Phillips, James Jeter, Defendant.

The Drinker's Farm Tragedy. Trial and Conviction of James Jeter Phillips, For the Murder of His Wife. With Portraits. Richmond: Published by J. Wall Turner, V.L. Fore, Printer), 1868. 96 pp. 2 full-page woodcut portraits (of Phillips and his wife, Mrs. Mary Emma Phillips). Octavo (7-1/2" x 4-1/2").

Original printed wrappers, with advertisements for various Richmond businesses rear and inside front covers. Some soiling, spotting and rubbing with wear to spine ends. Light toning to interior, somewhat heavier in places, light foxing to a few leaves. \$650.

* Only edition. "Phillips, a scion of a 'good' Virginia family, twenty-four years old, murdered his wife Emily, who was ten years older, on a Henrico County, Virginia, roadside near Drinker's farm. He shot her with a small pistol, and her body was unidentified for three months" (McDade). OCLC locates 4 copies in North American law libraries (Duke, Harvard, University of Virginia, Yale). McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 747. [Order This Item](#)



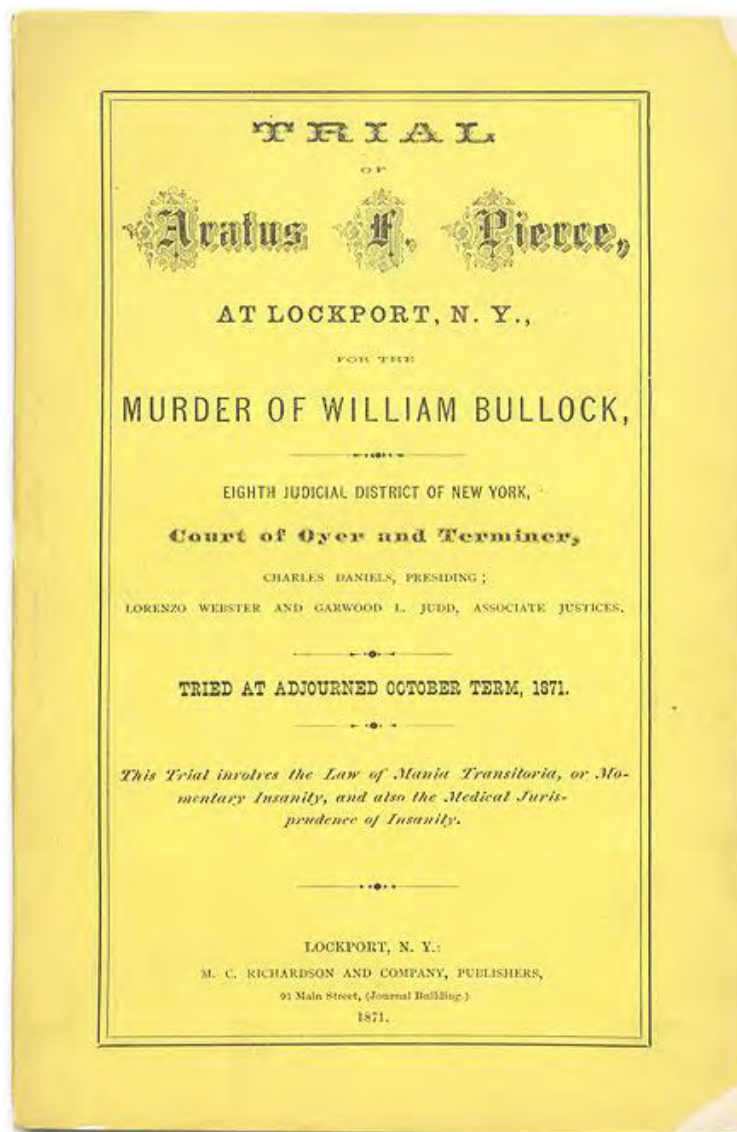
A Rare Unrecorded Variant of McDade 740

21. Personel, Francis Burdett [1747-1773].

An Authentic and Particular Account of the Life of Francis Burdett Personel, Written by Himself. Who was Executed at New-York, September 10th, 1773; In the Twenty-Sixth Year of His Age, For the Murder of Mr. Robert White. New-York, Printed: Philadelphia, Re-Printed in the Year 1773. 23 pp. Octavo (7" x 4-1/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in self-wrappers, untrimmed edges. Moderate toning, occasional light foxing, light soiling to exterior, chips to top-edges of first tree leaves, tiny inkspot to p.16 (with no loss to legibility, ink doodles to foot of verso of p.23. A well-preserved copy. \$7,500.

* Personel was married to a prostitute. He was content to enjoy her earnings because, as he said: "What the eye doesn't see, the heart don't grieve at." When she failed to return home on night, he grew concerned and looked for her. After he found her with two men, he flew into a jealous rage and struck one of them in the head, which killed him. No copies listed on OCLC or in the catalogues of the American Antiquarian Society, Harvard or Library of Congress. Not in McDade, which lists the New York imprint that was used for the Philadelphia reprint and another issue printed in New Haven. Not in Sabin or the *English Short-Title Catalogue*. [Order This Item](#)



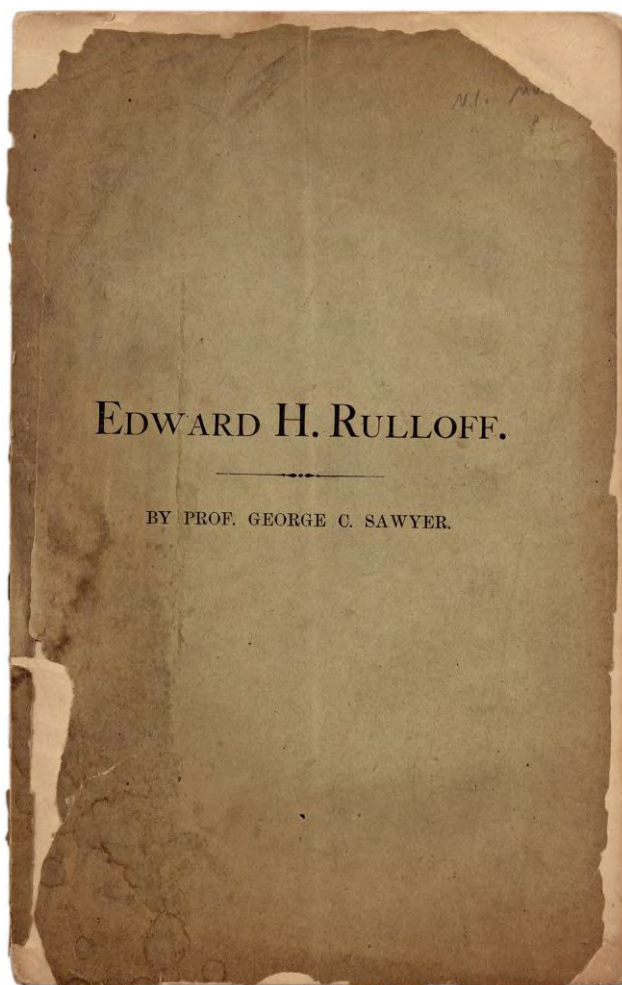
A Successful "Mania Transitoria" Defense: McDade 748

22. Pierce, Aratus F., Defendant.

Trial of Aratus F. Pierce, At Lockport, N.Y., For the Murder of William Bullock, Eighth Judicial District, Court of Oyer and Terminer, Charles Daniels, Presiding; Lorenzo Webster and G.L. Judd, Associate Justices, Tried at Adjourned October Term, 1871. Lockport, NY: M.C. Richardson and Co., 1871. 101 pp. Octavo (8-3/4" x 5-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers. Minor wear to spine ends, a few small chips to edges, light soiling to rear wrapper, light toning to interior. A well-preserved copy of a scarce title. \$1,250.

* Only edition. Pierce killed a man who seduced his sister, then refused to marry her. The trial is notable because it involved a successful defense based on the law of "mania transitoria," or momentary insanity (McDade). OCLC locates 13 copies, 4 in law libraries (Harvard, Social Law, Supreme Court of New York, U.S. Supreme Court). McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 748. [Order This Item](#)



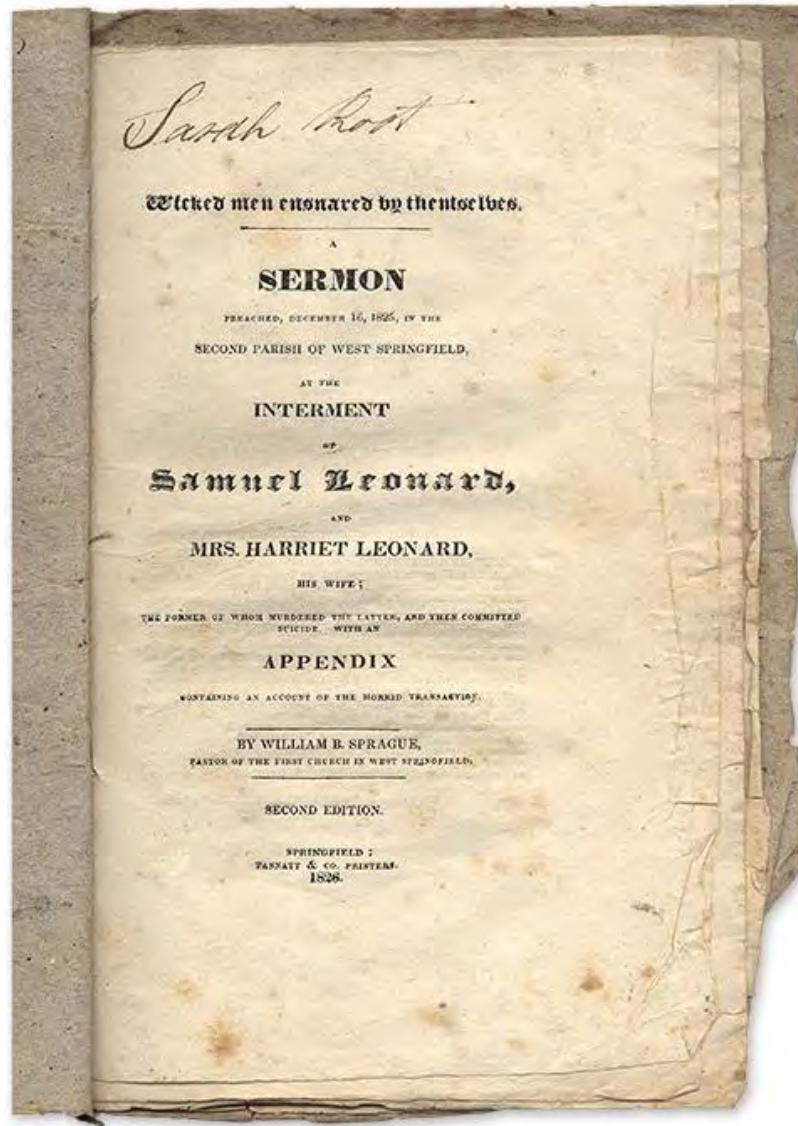
**"One of Those Bizarre
Criminals Who Defy Easy Classification": McDade 841**

23. Sawyer, George C.

Edward H. Rulloff. Offprint from the *American Journal of Insanity*, April, 1872. [Utica, NY: State Lunatic Asylum]. 52 pp. Octavo (9-1/4" x 5-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers. Wrappers detached, chipped around edges and lightly soiled, moderate toning to text, faint dampstaining to upper corner of the first half of the text block at gutter, light soiling to title and verso of final leaf. \$750.

* As McDade notes, Rulloff (sometimes spelled Ruloff) was "one of those bizarre criminals who defy easy classification." He began his criminal career in 1856 with the murder of his wife and child. The bodies were never recovered, so he was convicted of a lesser charge and sentenced to jail. Upon release, he was tried again and sentenced to death, but that sentence was reversed on appeal. While in prison Rulloff taught himself several languages and devised a theory of languages. Under an alias, he toured the lecture circuit as a philologist. Far from reformed, he continued to commit burglaries and other crimes with a pair of associates. In 1870, one of these burglaries ended with the murder of two store clerks. The two associates drowned during their escape, but Rulloff was caught, tried and hanged for murder. His brain was later a subject for scientific study. Sawyer's article offers a psychological study of Rulloff and a detailed account of his career. OCLC locates 9 copies, 1 in a law library (Yale). McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 841. [Order This Item](#)



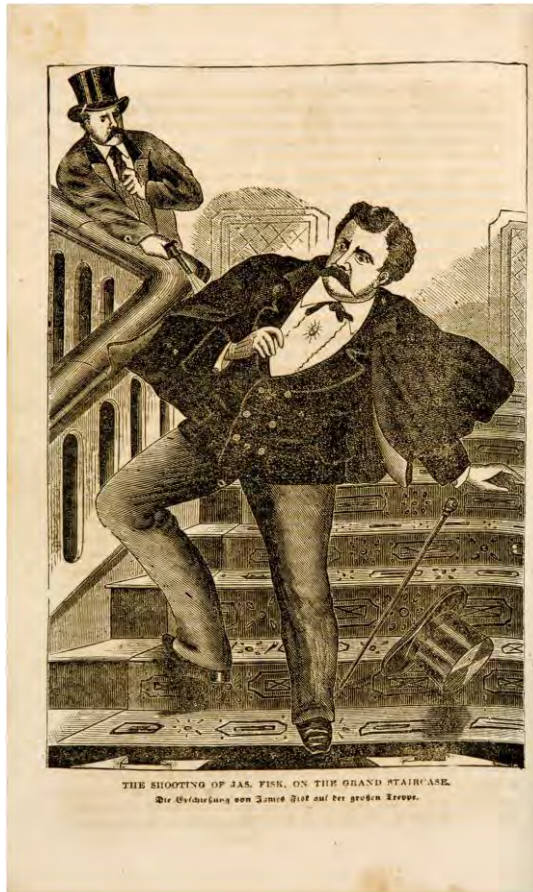
Wicked Men Ensnared by Themselves: McDade 601.

24. Sprague, William Buell [1795-1876].

Wicked Men Ensnared by Themselves: A Sermon Preached, December 16, 1825 in the Second Parish of West Springfield, At the Interment of Samuel Leonard, And Mrs. Harriet Leonard, His Wife; The Former of Whom Murdered the Latter, And then Committed Suicide. Springfield, MA: Tannatt & Co., Printers, 1826. [iii], 4-44 pp. Octavo (9-3/4" x 5-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in original plain thick-paper wrappers, untrimmed edges. Moderate toning, light foxing to a few leaves, early owner signature (Sarah Root) to head of title page. \$150.

* Second edition. "After threatening several times to do so, Leonard killed his wife with an ax and then cut his own throat" (McDade). The sermon says Leonard's Universalist beliefs encouraged his crime because the doctrine of universal salvation tends "to nullify the threatenings of God" (29). An Appendix (pp. 37-44) provides a summary review of the case. This pamphlet had three editions, all published in 1826 with identical paginations and formats. McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 601. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 4169. [Order This Item](#)



THE SHOOTING OF JAS. FISK, ON THE GRAND STAIRCASE.
Die Schießung von James Fisk auf der großen Treppe.



CARRYING FISK FROM THE GRAND STAIRCASE TO HIS ROOM.
Fisk wird von der großen Treppe nach seinem Zimmer getragen.

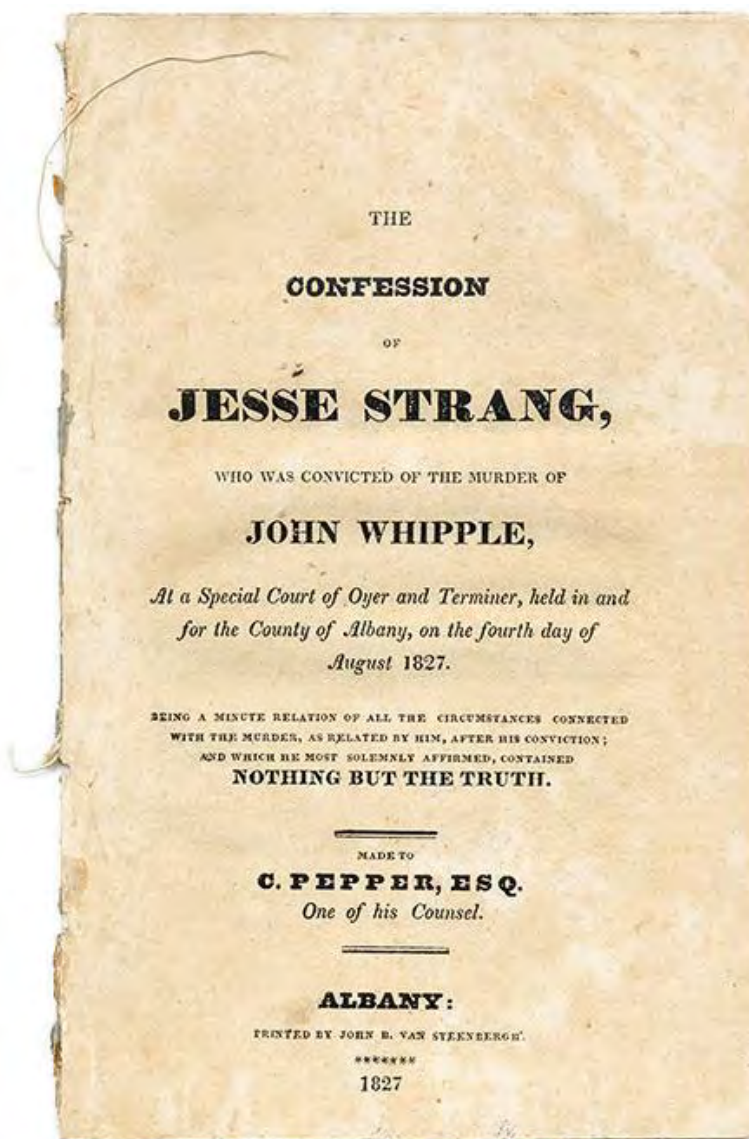
The Murder of James Fisk: McDade 922

25. Stokes, Edward [1841-1901], Defendant.

Life, Trial and Conviction of Edward Stokes, For the Assassination of Jas. Fisk, Jr. To Which is Added, The Life and Eventful Career of Josephine Mansfield. The Interesting Trial. Many Secrets Now for the First Time Made Public. Philadelphia: Published by Barclay & Co., [1873]. [ii], 19-111, [1] pp. 12 full-page woodcuts. Complete. Octavo (9-1/4" x 5-3/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in pictorial wrappers. Light soiling and a few faint dampstains and minor tears to wrappers, spine abraded, moderate wear to corners of wrappers and text block. Moderate toning to interior, corners of some leaves dog-eared, faint stains to a few leaves. \$1,250.

* Only edition, one of two issues. "Jim Fisk...was a financial wonder in New York in 1872. Edward Stokes had been associated with him in the oil business, but they had become engaged in a bitter legal battle which originated when Stokes stole Fisk's mistress, Josie Mansfield. In retaliation Fisk had charged Stokes with embezzling oil company funds; Stokes replied with a charge of false imprisonment. Then Mansfield threatened to publish letters from Fisk revealing some of his transactions. On January 5 an injunction was issued restraining the publication of the letters; on the next day Josie Mansfield was exposed to a humiliating cross-examination in police court on her relations with Fisk. Stokes, in a rage, followed Fisk to the Broadway Central Hotel where he shot him on the stairs. After two trials the state could only convict Stokes of third-degree manslaughter" (McDade, annotation to 917). This Barclay account was published after the second trial. It was also issued by Barclay with the imprint: "Cleveland, Ohio: Great Western Publishing Company, [1872]." OCLC locates 2 copies in law libraries (Harvard, Yale), both with the Philadelphia imprint. McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 922. [Order This Item](#)



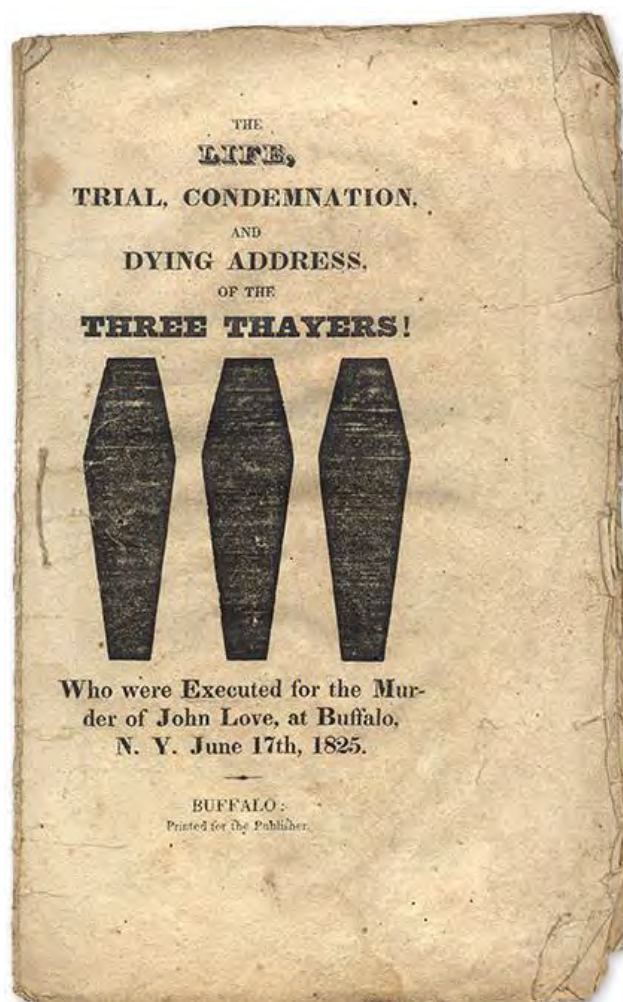
"Black, Unhallowed, Uncaused Crime": McDade 934

26. Strang, Jesse, Defendant.

The Confession of Jesse Strang, Who Was Convicted of the Murder of John Whipple, At a Special Court of Oyer and Terminer, Held in and for the County of Albany, On the Fourth Day of August 1827. Being a Minute Relation of All the Circumstances Connected with the Murder, As Related by Him, After His Conviction; And Which he Most Solemnly Affirmed, Contained Nothing but the Truth. Made to C. Pepper, Esq. One of His Counsel. Albany: Printed by John B. van Steenbergh, 1827. 35 pp. Octavo (9-1/2" x 5-1/2").

Disbound stab-stitched pamphlet. Moderate toning, light foxing to a few leaves, light browning to title page. A nice copy, \$250.

* Only edition. Jesse Strang (living under the alias Joseph Orton) was involved in an affair with Elsie Whipple. Strang shot Elsie's husband, John Whipple, after several unsuccessful attempts by the lovers to poison him. Strang was convicted and executed. Elsie was tried individually and acquitted. This pamphlet includes a poem, "To Mrs Whipple," accusing her of "black, unhallowed, uncaused crime." McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 934. [Order This Item](#)



The Notorious Thayer Brothers: McDade 972

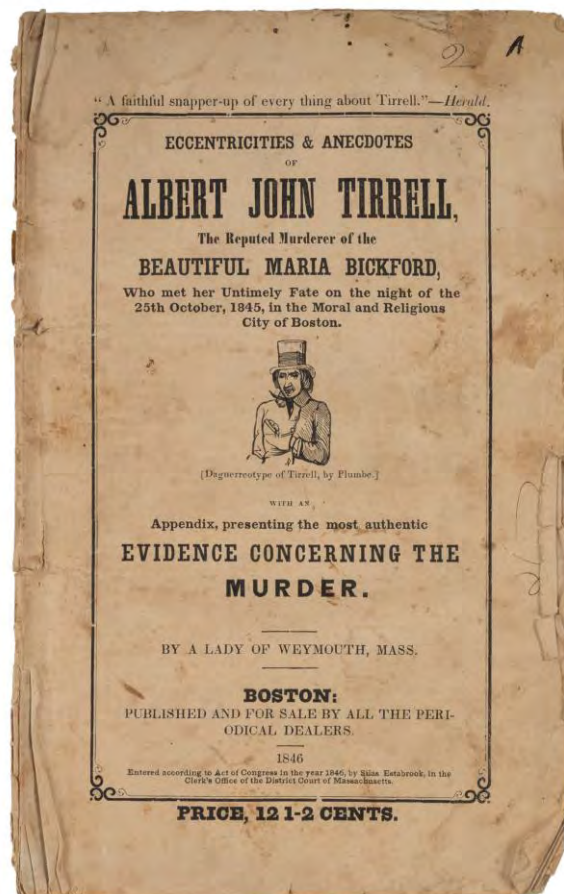
27. Thayer Brothers.

[Love, John].

The Life, Trial, Condemnation and Dying Address, Of the Three Thayers! Who Were Executed for the Murder of John Love, At Buffalo, N.Y. June 17th, 1825. Buffalo: Printed for the Publisher, [1825]. 16 pp. Octavo (8-1/2" x 5-1/4").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers, untrimmed edges, large woodcut of three coffins to front. Light browning and faint dampspotting, light soiling to exterior, faint stain to foot of front wrapper. A well-preserved copy. \$950.

* The Thayer brothers (Nelson, Israel, and Isaac) were convicted in 1825 for the robbery and murder of their boarder John Love, to whom they owed a substantial amount of money. The brothers shot him in the head, then lacerated his body with a meat cleaver. After disguising the murder scene with a pig carcass, they buried Love in a shallow grave. Their crime was discovered a short while later. After two brief trials, the Thayers were executed together by hanging on June 17, 1825. A sensational event, it was probably the first hanging to take place in Erie County, New York. This event was the subject of several pamphlets, four published in Buffalo. In this edition the dying address is followed by an account of the trial and execution in verse. This imprint, which is listed in Cohen and mentioned in McDade, is a variant of a copy described in McDade, which has an image of a single coffin. McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 972. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 13088. [Order This Item](#)



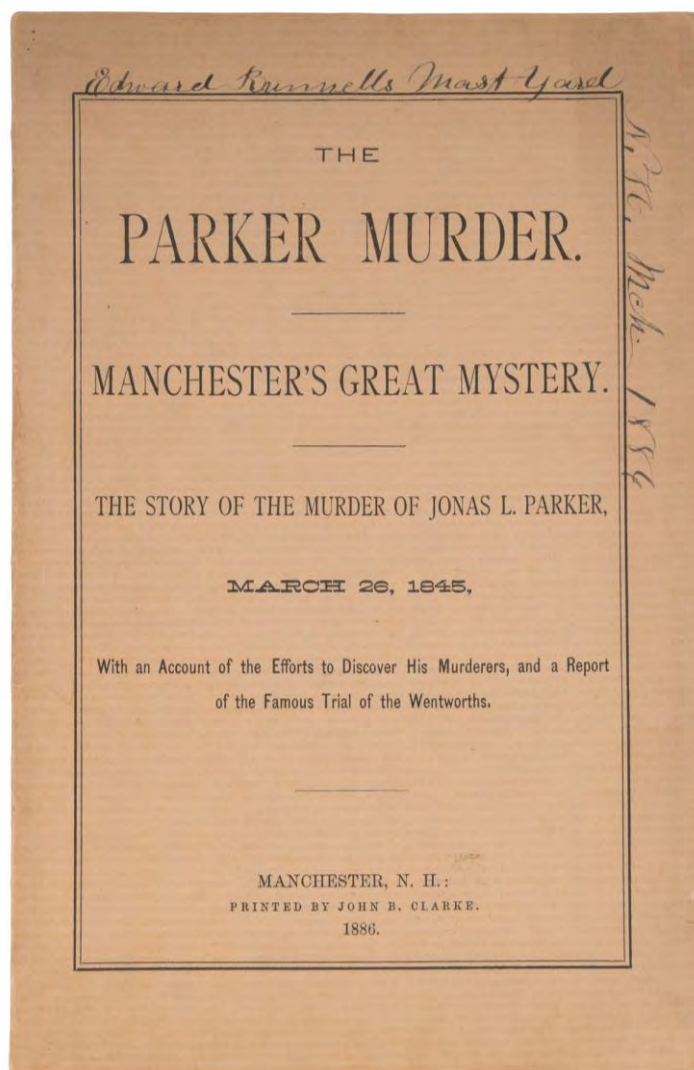
A Rare Account of the Bickford Murder Trial: McDade 987

**28. Tirrell, Albert J., Defendant.
[Estabrook, Silas, Primary Author].**

Eccentricities & Anecdotes of Albert John Tirrell, The Reputed Murderer of the Beautiful Maria Bickford, Who Met Her Untimely Fate on the Night of the 25th October, 1845, In the Moral and Religious City of Boston. With an Appendix, Presenting the Most Authentic Evidence Concerning the Murder. By a Lady of Weymouth, Mass. Boston: Published and For Sale by All the Periodical Dealers, 1846. [5]-48 [i.e. 32] pp. Octavo (9-3/4" x 6").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in pictorial wrappers, publisher advertisement to verso of rear wrapper (of another account of the Bickford murder), untrimmed edges. Moderate edgewear and soiling, spine abraded, wrappers partially detached at ends. Light browning and foxing, faint dampstaining in places, "2" in early hand to head of front wrapper, small doodle along fore-edge near foot, "Maria Bickford" in faint early hand in pencil to head of p.5. \$1,250.

* Only edition. "The murder of a harlot seems to lend a special interest to a case which is measurable by the many publications which ensue. (...) The Tirrell case is one of the triumphs of Rufus Choate, who convinced the jury that his client did not cut the throat of Mrs. Bickford, or, if he did, he did it in his sleep. The defense of somnambulism by Choate might well join that other classic of defense put forth by Delphin Michael Delmas, who as counsel for Harry K. Thaw pleaded 'dementia Americana'" (McDade). McDade says most of this account is "pure fiction, but there are some facts on the crime." OCLC locates no non-virtual copies of this imprint. McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 987 (synopsis of case from entry 986). [Order This Item](#)



The Wentworths Kill the Tax Collector: McDade 1075

29. Wentworth, Asa, Defendant.

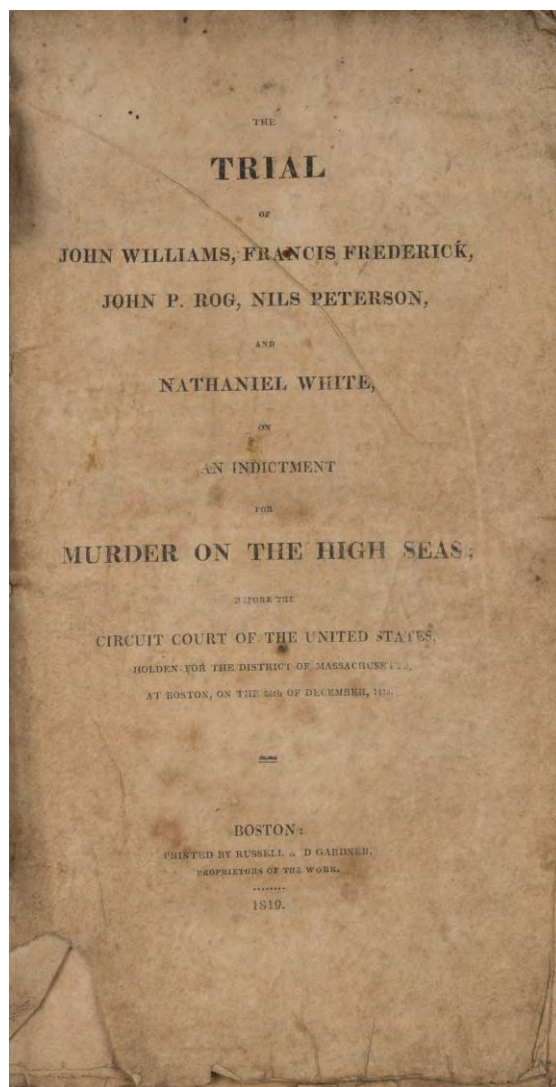
Wentworth, Henry, Defendant.

Wentworth, Horace, Defendant.

The Parker Murder. Manchester's Great Mystery. The story of the murder of Jonas L. Parker, March 26, 1845, With an Account of the Efforts to Discover his Murderers, And a Report of the Famous Trial of the Wentworths. Manchester, NH: Printed by John B. Clarke, 1886. 43 pp. Text in parallel columns. Two woodcut text illustrations (maps). Octavo (9" x 6").

Stab-stitched pamphlet in printed wrappers, Light soiling, light rubbing to extremities, early owner inscription ("Edward Rinnells Mast Yard") to front wrapper, light browning to text. \$650.

* Only edition. "Parker was the local tax collector and his body, with throat cut, was found outside the town. The Wentworths were not tried until 1850; then they were defended by Franklin Piece and Benjamin F. Butler and acquitted" (McDade). OCLC locates 13 copies, 4 in law libraries (Harvard, Social Law, South Texas College of Law, University of Missouri). McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 1075. [Order This Item](#)



An Interesting Murder and Piracy Trial, Joseph Story Presided: McDade 1103

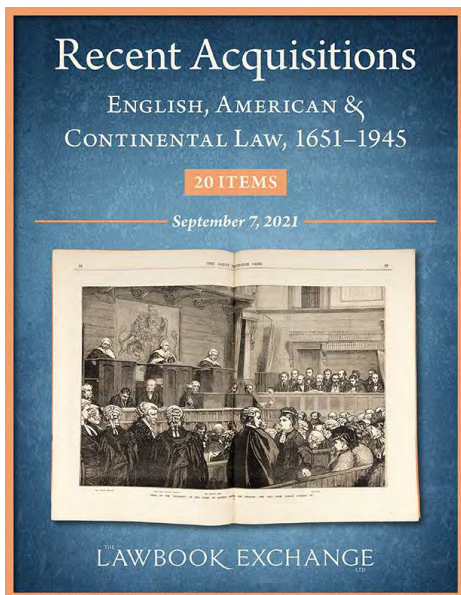
30. Williams, John, Primary Defendant.

The Trial of John Williams, Francis Frederick, John P. Rog, Nils Peterson and Nathaniel White, On an Indictment for Murder on the High Seas: Before the Circuit Court of the United States, Holden for the District of Massachusetts, At Boston, On the 29th of December, 1818. Boston: Printed by Russell and Gardner, 1819. 92 pp. Octavo (9-1/2" x 5-1/2").

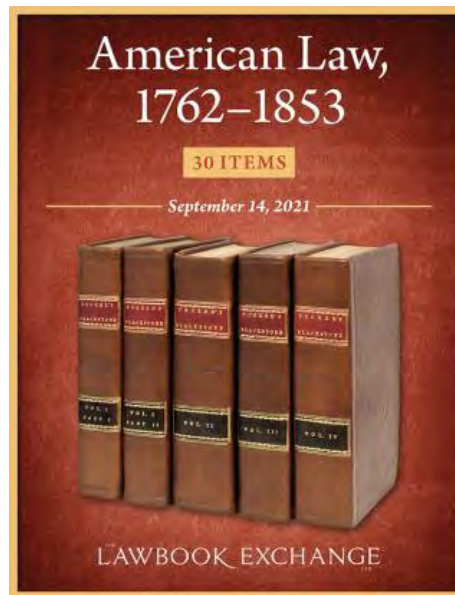
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* Only edition. Tried before Joseph Story in his capacity as the Judge of the U.S. Circuit Court for the District of Massachusetts, this trial involved murders committed on the merchant schooner *Plattsburgh* bound from Baltimore to Smyrna. Led by Williams, the accused murdered the captain and took the ship to Norway. All the defendants except White were found guilty of murder and piracy and hanged. Cohen, *Bibliography of Early American Law* 13248. McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 1103. [Order This Item](#)

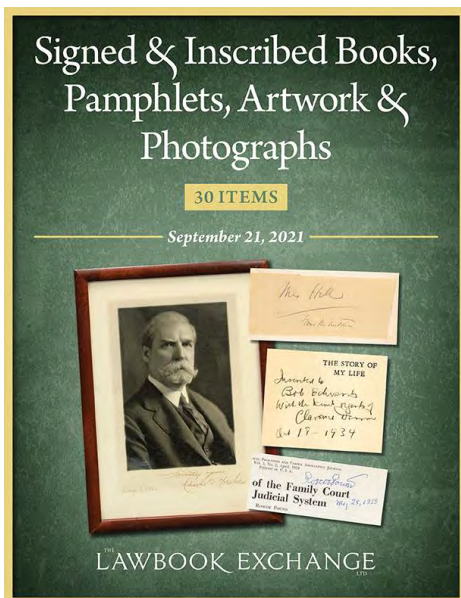
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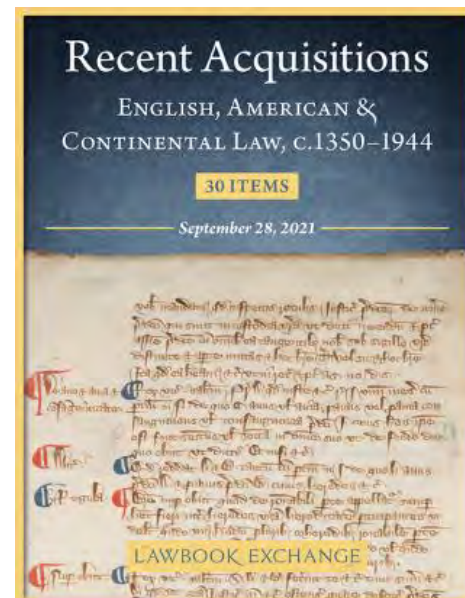
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