
BROADSIDES

30 Items

December 24, 2019



John BULL, can you WONDER AT CRIME!

I'VE been thinking, of late I've been thinking,
And my thoughts I can scarcely divine,
I've been thinking why people should wonder
At London's great increase of crime.
Ories good old John Bull it's a poser,
There's something I can't understand,
And I would not wish to know, sir,
Why crime should be so common here.
We have plenty of money, you say,
Our banks are as full as a hold sir,
We could buy up the world so I'm told sir,
Yet still there's an increase of crime.

I am sure you will own Mr. Bull, sir,
Temptation is hard to resist;
Look at your poor needle girls, sir,
Trying their best to exist;
Can you wonder at their prostitution,
When blood-sucking forms barely give
Enough to ward off destitution.
I am sure you will own Mr. Bull, sir,
That you can't live
Without her!
With feelings as keen and as tender,
As your proud city ladies remember,
Mr. Bull, can you wonder at crime?

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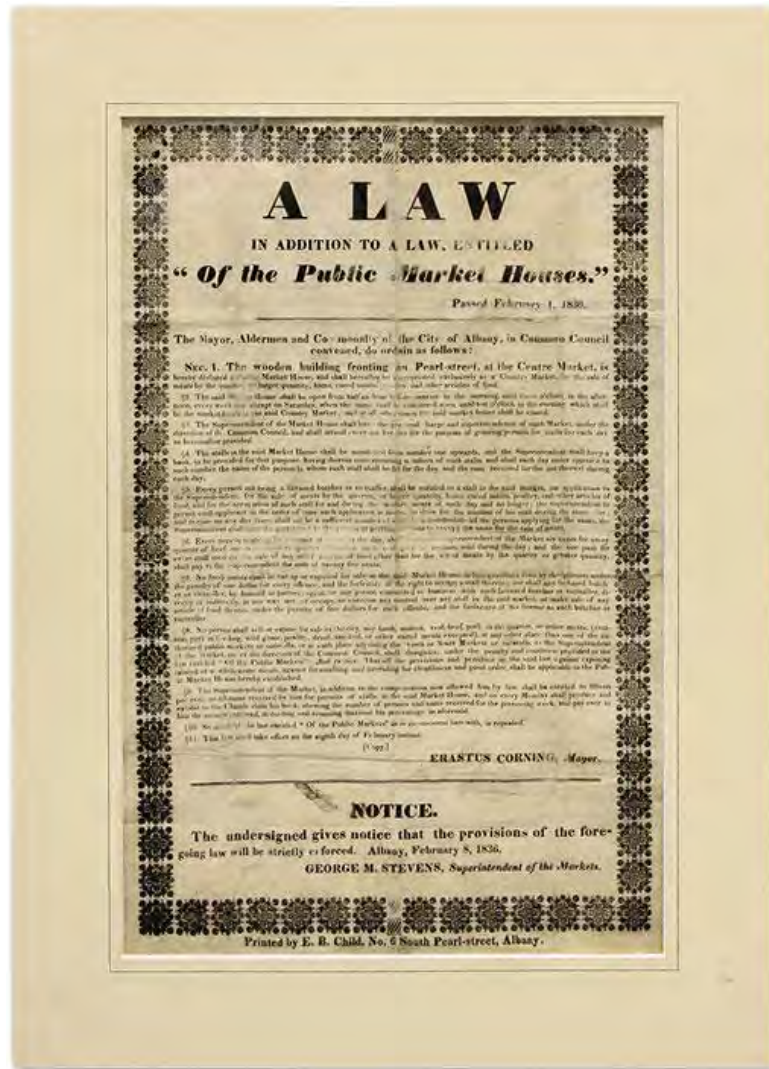
A Fatal Fall Through Thin Ice

1. [Accidental Death].
[Illinois].

\$50.00 Reward! The Above Reward will be Paid for the Recovery the [sic] Body of Miss Jennie Warren, Who was Drowned by Breaking Through the Ice at Hampton, Saturday, February 1st. Hampton, Illinois: S.n., c.1875.

13" x 9-1/2" broadside. Light browning, some wear and chipping to edges, vertical and horizontal fold lines, some with clean tears, which are mended on verso with archival tape, tiny hole near center where fold lines cross. A curious, and poignant, item. \$350.

* The victim was "17 years of age, short, dark completed, weight about 115 pounds." This appears to be an unrecorded broadside. [Order This Item](#)



1836 Broadside of Laws Regulating Albany's Public Markets

2. [Albany, New York].

A Law in Addition to a Law, Entitled "Of the Public Market Houses." Passed February 1, 1836. The Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of Albany, in Common Council Convened, do Ordain as Follows:... Erastus Corning, Mayor. Albany: Printed by E. B. Child, No. 6 South Pearl-Street, 1836.

17-1/2" x 12-3/4" broadside, mounted and matted, text printed inside wide decorative typographical border. Toning, faint vertical and horizontal fold lines. A few expert repairs, with no loss to text, and minor fading to text in five lines. \$1,500.

* An unrecorded broadside in eleven sections outlining regulations concerning the handling of meat, poultry and other food in Centre Market in Albany, New York. This was one of three public markets established in 1836; the others were the North Market and South Market. The laws address hours of operation, allocation of stalls, licensing, costs of permits and the salary of the market's superintendent. Section ten repeals previous laws, and section eleven decrees that this law will take effect on 8 February. The printer of this broadside was located near the market on the corner of South Pearl and State Street. [Order This Item](#)



For Sale: New Hampshire Farm, Saw Mill and Pasture

3. [Estates].

Brown, W[illiam] M., Executor.

Executor's Sale, Valuable Real Estate at Auction!. Concord, NH: Steam Printing Works of McFarland & Jenks, 1853. 20-1/2" x 12-1/2" broadside.

Light toning, some crinkling and edgewear with small tears and chips, faint vertical and horizontal fold lines, a few minor faint stains. \$350.

* "By virtue of a license from the Judge of Probate for the County of Merrimack, the subscriber will sell at public Auction at the Dwelling House of Dexter Pritchard, late of Boscawen, deceased, on Saturday, the 9th day of April next, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, so much of the Real Estate of said deceased, situated in said Boscawen, as may be necessary to raise \$1,600, to pay debts, legacies, and incidental charges." This state included a 100-acre farm, a saw mill and a 23-acre pasture.
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With a Curious Note of Local Pride

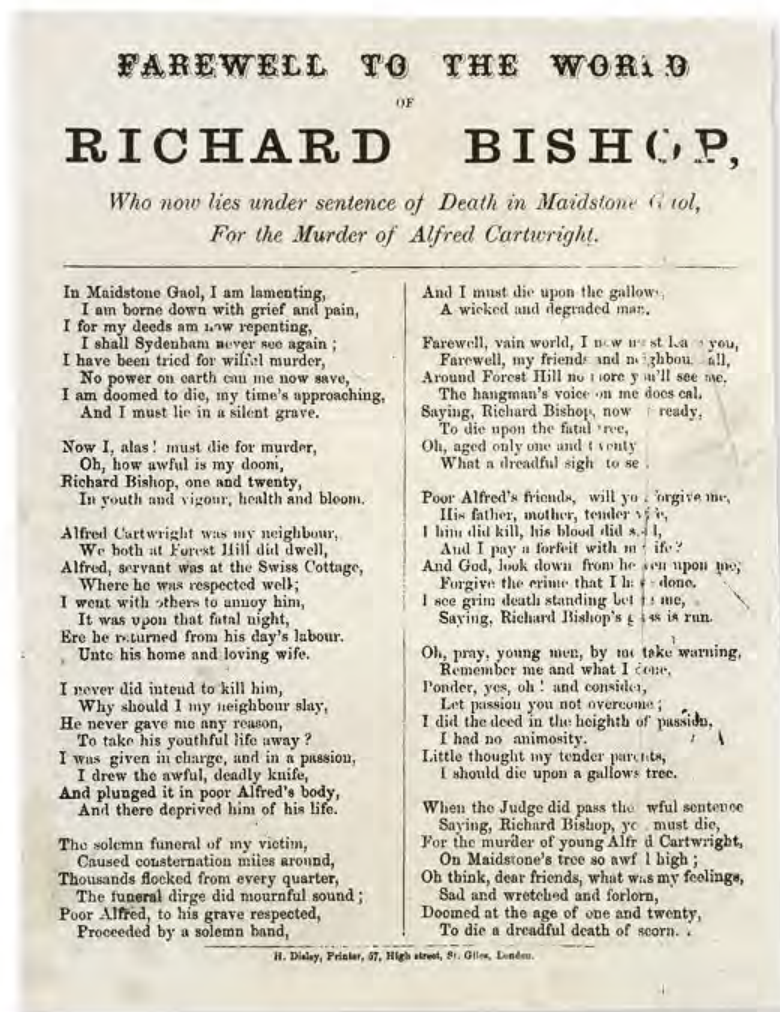
4. [Execution].

Barnet, John [d. 1818].

Execution of John Barnett Who Suffered at Aberdeen on Friday the 6th November, 1818, For Various Acts of Housebreaking and Theft, And His Body, Soon After it was Cut Down, Thrown Into the Sea!! [Aberdeen]: Printed for [John Muir?], [1818].

8-1/2" x 7-1/2" broadside pasted to contemporary 15-1/4" x 9-1/2" sheet. Text in two columns below headline. Moderate toning and negligible light soiling to broadside, somewhat heavier along right-hand margin. \$1,250.

* Barnett "died with great struggle." Afterwards, his body was "cut down and conveyed, under the attending escort of the 88th Regiment, to a boat ready to receive it, in which it was carried out and sunk at sea." The broadside ends with a flourish of local pride. Quoting from the *Aberdeen Chronicle*, it states: "To the credit of this populous city and the three counties with which it is connected, for 27 years previous to the present, only three capital punishments have taken place here." No copies listed on OCLC. [Order This Item](#)



Annoyed to Death

5. [Execution].

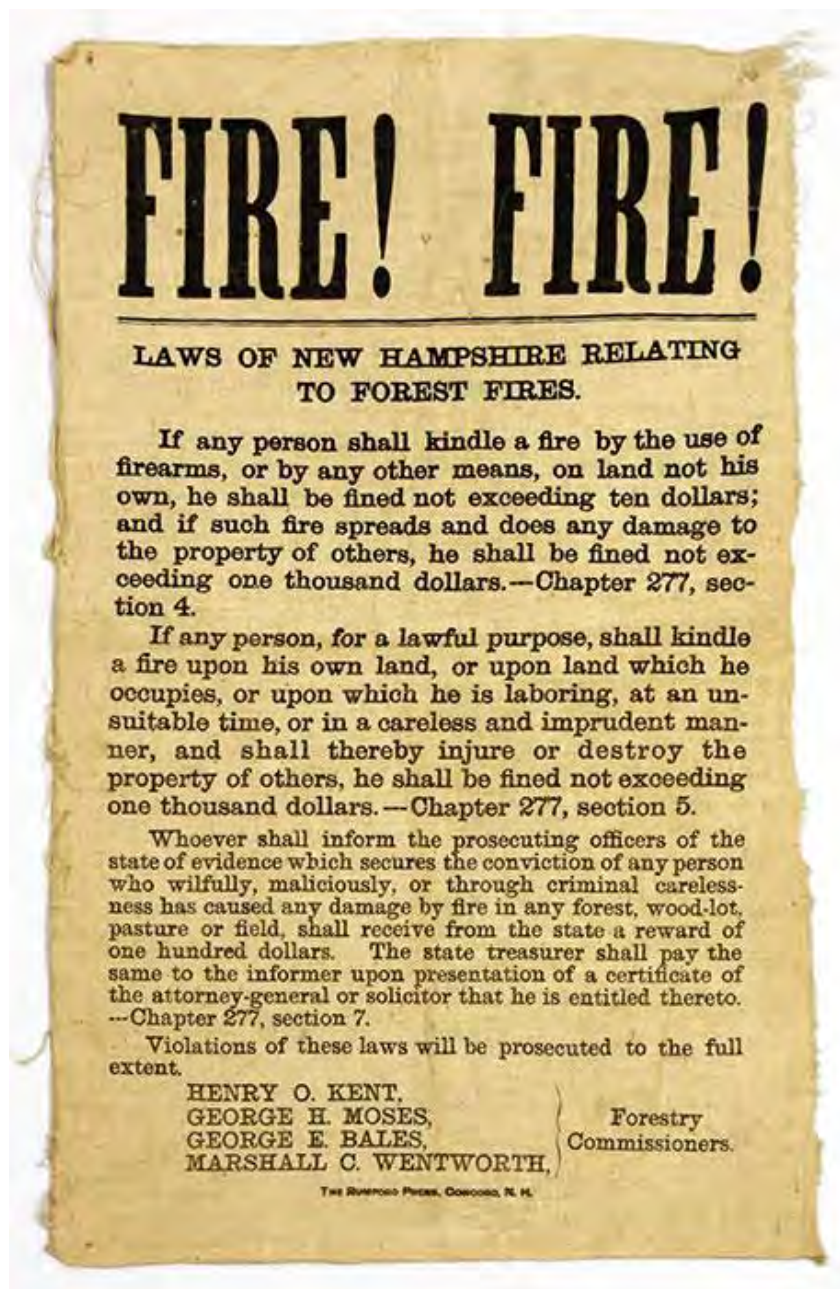
Bishop, Richard.

Farewell to the World of Richard Bishop, Who Now Lies Under Sentence of Death in Maidstone Gaol, For the Murder of Alfred Cartwright.

London: H. Disley, Printer, [1868]. 9-1/2" x 7-1/2" verse broadside. Main text in two columns separated by rules.

Some toning, creasing and a few minor stains, contemporary annotations to verso, otherwise fine. \$500.

* A broadside ballad issued before the public hanging of Bishop for the murder of his neighbor, Cartwright. The murder was provoked by a shouting match between Bishop and another man on a nearby street that woke Cartwright. Irritated, he called the police. Bishop was arrested and an angry Cartwright followed him and the policemen, proclaiming angrily that he intended to press charges against his noisy neighbor. Angered by his taunting, Bishop broke free of the police and stabbed Cartwright to death. Bishop was sentenced at the Old Bailey but hanged outside Maidstone Prison, Kent, 27 days later. It was the last public execution to take place in Kent, less than a month before the last public execution in England, which occurred in London on May 26, 1868. Our copy is probably a printer's proof. It is printed on scrap paper watermarked 1844 and has an unrelated annotation dated 1848 to its verso. [Order This Item](#)



New Hampshire Broadside Printed on Cloth

6. [Forest Laws].
[New Hampshire].

Fire! Fire! Laws of New Hampshire Relating to Forest Fires. Concord, NH: The Rumford Press, c. 1904.

18" x 11" broadside printed on cloth. Light toning, light fraying to edges. A well-preserved, curious item. \$450.

* This broadside prints the texts of three statutes that set out the fines for setting forest fires. Signed in type by Henry O. Kent, George H. Moses, George E. Bales and Marshall C. Wentworth, Forestry Commissioners. [Order This Item](#)



Legal Broadside from the Ancien Regime

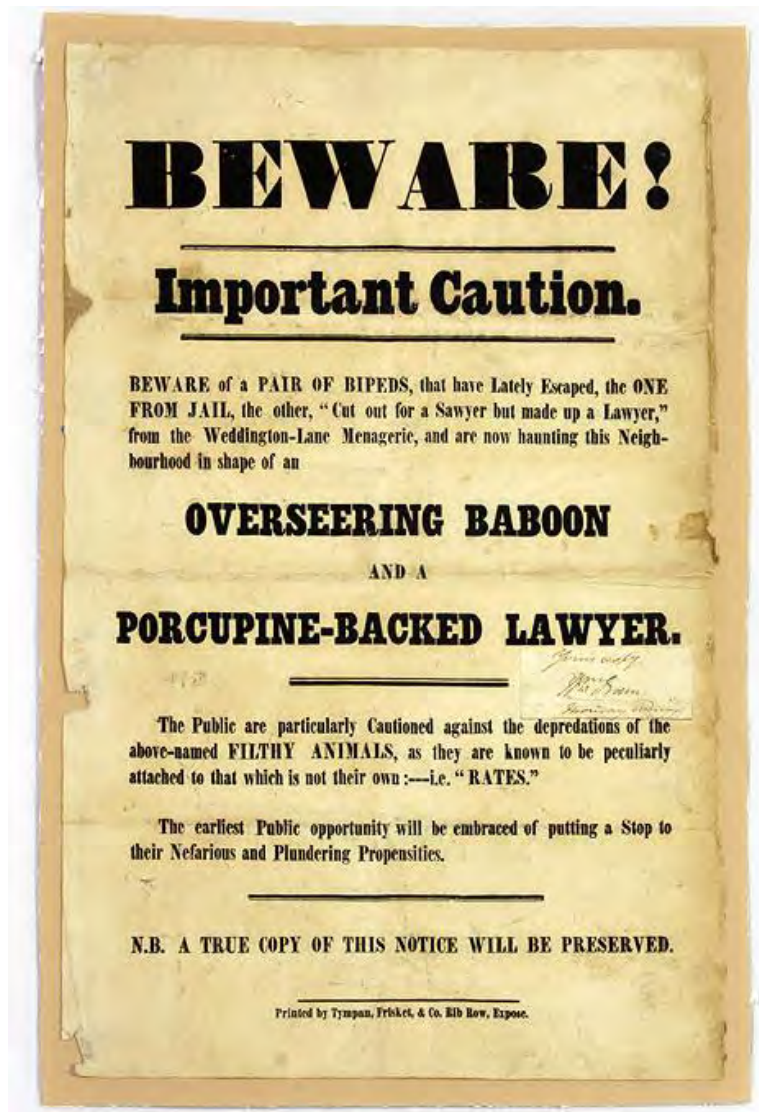
7. [France].

Arrest du Conseil D'Etat du Roi, Portant Reglement pour la Perception des Droits de Petit-Scel, & De Ceux des Presentations & Defauts des Causes Entre Marchands, Qui Seront Jugees dans les Jurisdictions Ordinaires. Du 23 Avril 1765. Aix: Chez le Veuve de Joseph David & Esprit David, 1765.

21" x 16-1/2" broadside, untrimmed edges, large woodcut French royal arms at head of text. Light soiling, otherwise fine. A remarkably well-preserved item. \$600.

* It is remarkable this item exists today. Intended to be posted in market areas, this broadside outlines procedures to settle disputes between merchants. No copies located on OCLC. [Order This Item](#)

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"Cut Out for a Sawyer but Made Up a Lawyer"

8. [Great Britain].

Beware! Important Caution. Beware of a Pair of Bipeds, That Have Lately Escaped, The One from Jail, The Other "Cut out for a Sawyer but Made Up a Lawyer," From the Weddington Lane-Menagerie, And are Now Haunting this Neighbourhood in Shape of an Overseering Baboon and a Porcupine-Backed Lawyer. [N.p.]: Printed by Tympan, Frisket, & Co, Rob Row, [c. 1850].

15" x 10-1/2" broadside, mounted, cut piece of letter laid down near center reading: "Yours resp[ectfull]y Wm Oram 43 Monday evening." Light browning and soiling, a few minor chips and some rubbing to edges, three horizontal fold lines. A curious, rare item. \$2,000.

* The text of this anti-lawyer satirical broadside continues (in part): "The Public are particularly Cautioned against the depredations of the above-named FILTHY ANIMALS, as they are known to be peculiarly attached to that which is not their own:--i.e. 'Rates'." William Oram may have been the author of the broadside text. We were unable to locate a copy of this broadside in any library. [Order This Item](#)



"I Would Fork Out a Trifle to Know,
Sir, Why Crime Should Increase in Our Land"

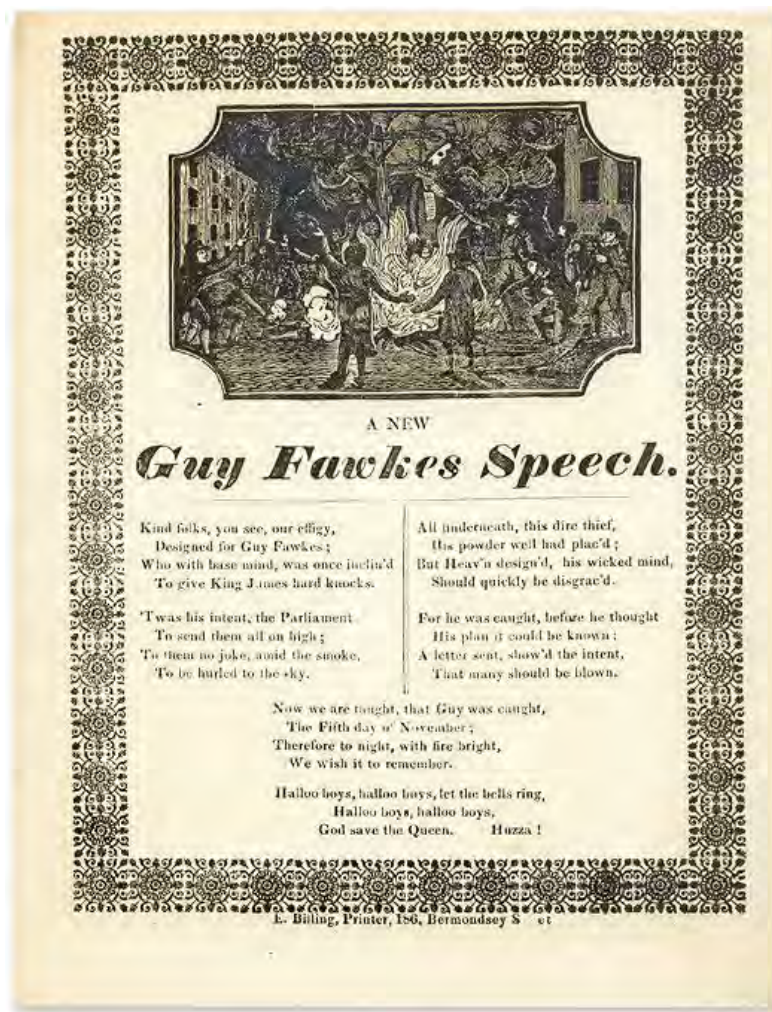
9. [Great Britain].
[Criminals].

John Bull, Can You Wonder At Crime! London: W.S. Fortey, Steam Printer and Publisher, [c. 1860].

9-3/4" x 7-1/2" broadside, woodcut vignette at head above large headline, main text printed in parallel columns. Light browning, somewhat darker near edges, neatly mounted on album leaf. \$450.

* A six-verse ballad about a recent increase in crime in London during a time of national prosperity. "I've been thinking, of late I've been thinking/ And my thoughts I can scarcely divine,/ I've been thinking why people should wonder/ At London's great increase of crime./ Cries good old John Bull it's a poser,/ There's Something I can't understand,/ And I would fork out a trifle to know, sir, Why crime should increase in our land." COPAC records 1 copy of this ballad (at the National Library of Scotland) printed with another ballad. OCLC locates 1 copy (at Trinity College Dublin).

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"Kind Folks You See, Our Effigy, Designed for Guy Fawkes; Who
With Base Mind, Was Once Inclined to Give King James Hard Knocks"

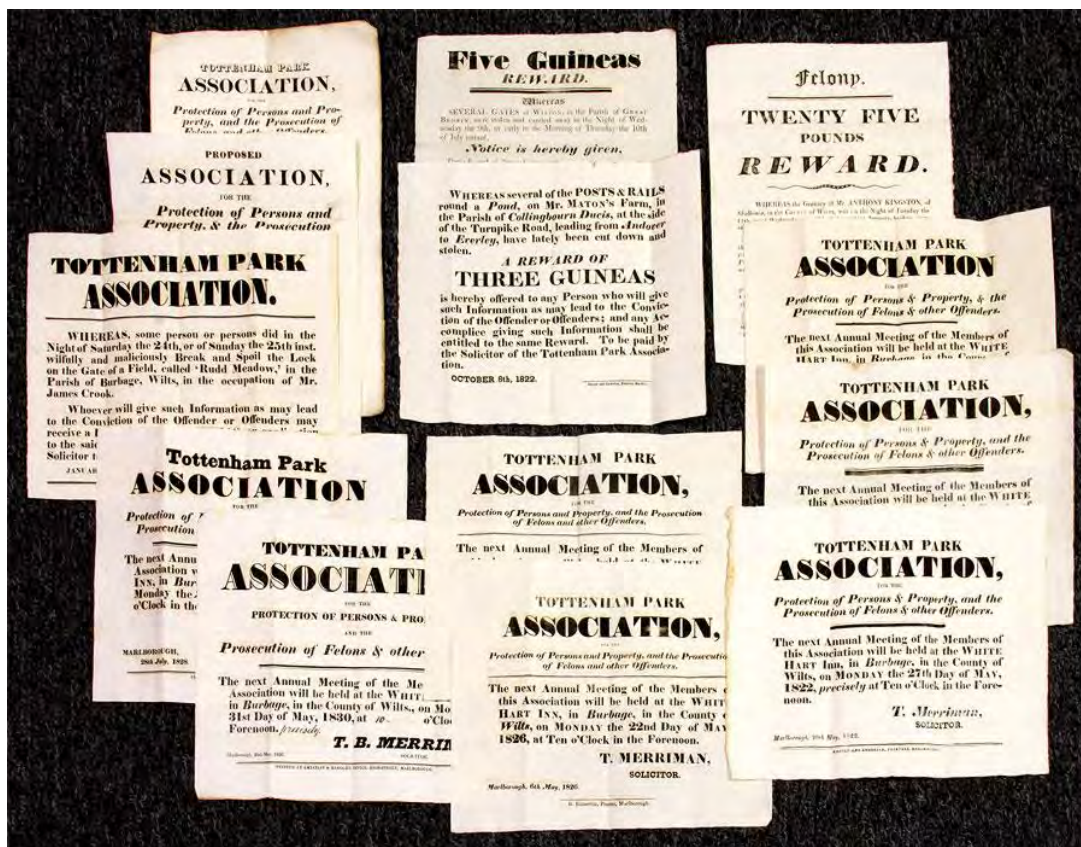
10. [Great Britain].

Guy Fawkes Day.

A New Guy Fawkes Speech. [London]: E. Billing, 186, Bermondsey Street, [c.1840].

9-3/4" x 7-1/2" broadside. Six-stanza verse text within woodcut typographical border, first four stanzas in two columns, separated by woodcut rules below headline and vignette of a group of people burning Fawkes in effigy. Light toning, otherwise fine. A well-preserved rare item. \$650.

* A celebratory broadside commemorating Guy Fawkes Day. Also known as Guy Fawkes Night, Bonfire Night or Firework Night, it is an English national holiday commemorating the failed Gunpowder Plot, an attempt by a group of Catholics to assassinate King James I by blowing up the House of Lords during the State Opening of Parliament. The plot was foiled when Fawkes was discovered with a cache of explosives hidden beneath the House of Lords. The date of our broadside is conjectured from a similar broadside by Billing with a contemporary handwritten date of 1829 held by the National Library of Scotland. The verses on that copy end with "God save the King." Ours ends with "God save the Queen," so we assume it was printed in the early years of Queen Victoria's reign, which began in 1837. OCLC locates no copies. [Order This Item](#)



18 Broadside from an Early Nineteenth-Century Association Formed to Prevent Crime in Wiltshire

11. [Great Britain].

[Tottenham Park Association].

[Collection of Printed Broadside Relating to the Establishment and Activities of the Tottenham Park Association for the Protection of Persons and Property and for the Prosecution of Felons and Other Offenders]. Marlborough, England: Harold and Emberlin, 1819.

18 broadsides, 15 are 11-1/2" x 9," the others are 7-1/2" x 9," 13-1/4" x 8-1/2" and 22" x 17." Light toning, fold lines, some minor tears and stains, all generally in very good condition. An interesting collection comprising 18 well-preserved items. \$1,500.

* This collection traces the initial proposal, founding and development of the Tottenham Park Association for the Protection of Persons and Property, And for the Prosecution of Felons and other Offenders. It was one of several private associations, largely existing between 1780-1850, "made up of local property-owners, who came together to form an organization and raise a fund in order to find, arrest, and prosecute, at common expense, offenders against themselves and their property" (Philips). These associations went into decline with the establishment of formal police forces beginning with the establishment of the Metropolitan Police in 1829, the passing of the 1839 Rural Police Act and finally the County and Borough Police Act of 1856, which made it compulsory for all counties to have a police force. Most of the notices offer rewards for the recovery of stolen property, such as livestock, a set of curtains, a gate and a fence, apprehending offenders and removing "gipsies or other vagrants from the parishes." The other broadsides relate to the establishment, organization and meetings of the association. Philips in Hay and Snyder, eds., *Policing and Prosecution in Britain 1750-1850* 118. [Order This Item](#)



An Unrecorded Illinois Broadside?

12. [Illinois].

Twenty-Second General Assembly.

An Act to Incorporate the Town of Dekalb. [Springfield, IL, 1861]. 25" x 14" broadside, dense text in five columns. Complete as issued.

Light browning, fold lines, a few chips to each edge, isolated spots to wear at centerfold touching five words, all easily inferred. A rare item. \$750.

* As far as we can determine, this broadside printing of the act founding this northern Illinois town, home of Northern Illinois University, is unrecorded. This appears to be an unofficial printing. The anonymous printer ran out of space at the end of the fifth column of text. Omitting the penultimate Article 44, on filling the vacancy of the office of the constable, the printer assigned that number to the final pro-forma two-line article, "This act shall be deemed a public act... &c.," but then omitted the date, "Approved Feb. 21, 1861." No copies listed on OCLC or in the state-wide catalogue of the Illinois State Library. [Order This Item](#)



Anti-Jackson Broadside from the 1828 Presidential Race

13. [Jackson, Andrew (1767-1845)]
[1828 Presidential Campaign].

A Brief Account of the Execution of the Six Militia Men!! [Philadelphia: Democratic Press, 1828].

18-1/2" x 10 1/4" broadside with untrimmed edges, text in three columns below headline and woodcut image of six coffins. Moderate toning, light foxing and a few faint dampstains, three tiny scuffs with minor loss to text, mended on verso with archival tape. Item hinged to archival-quality cloth-covered illustration board. \$2,750.

* This is one of a series of broadsides attacking candidate Andrew Jackson for an incident that occurred during the War of 1812. In 1815 Jackson ordered the execution of six soldiers who tried to leave the service shortly before the conclusion of their three-month enlistment term. They were condemned as deserters and executed by firing squad in Nashville, Tennessee. Many thought execution was unfair, a classic case of a punishment that did not fit the crime. Jackson was running mainly on the strength of his war-hero resume, so broadsides such as this one were intended to undermine this reputation and to show him as a cruel individual. As we know, the strategy failed. Jackson defeated John Quincy Adams. This appears to be an unrecorded broadside. Shaw & Shoemaker records a later issue of this broadside, with the same title, entry 32473, but it is in four columns and has additional text dated 20 January 1828. [Order This Item](#)



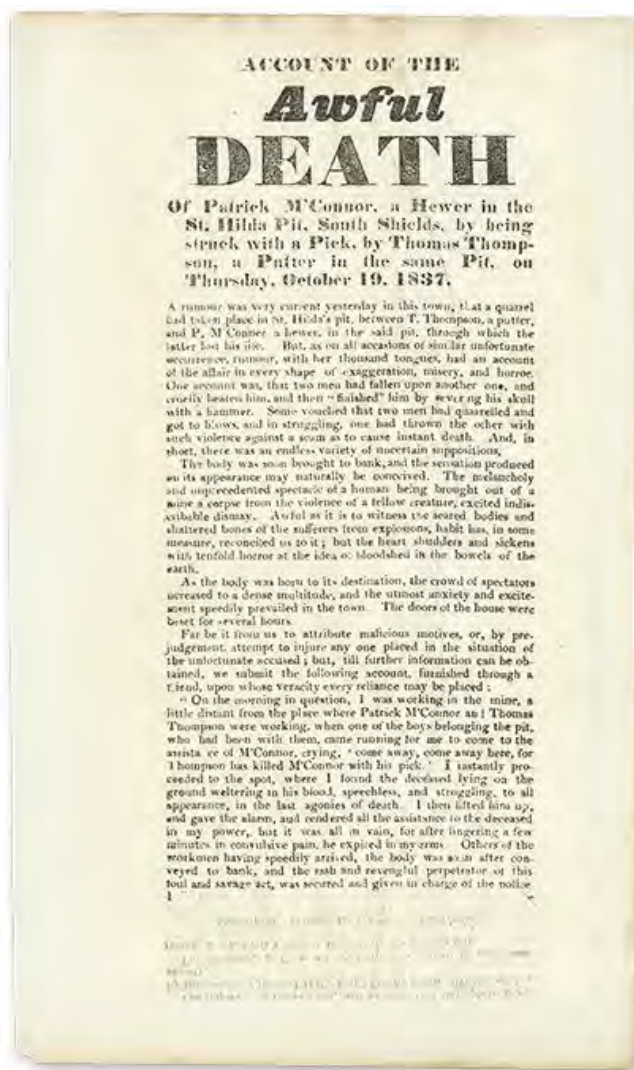
A Missouri Judge Responds to His Critics

14. Killen, Thomas J.

To The Public. In A Handbill Dated April 21, 1854, And Signed In Large Capital Letters "John Poynter McMillin," That Gentleman Makes "Three Specific Charges" Against The Rev. Matthias M. Barron [first line of text]. [Hannibal, MO? 1854].

18-1/2" x 8-1/2" broadside. Text in three columns. Moderate toning and light foxing, minor edgewear, fine vertical and horizontal fold lines, contemporary docketing to verso. \$2,500.

* An apparently unrecorded broadside issued by Judge Thomas J. Killen in response to an attack published by a former litigant, John Poynter McMillin, who lost a lawsuit decided by Judge Killen. McMillin then published his version of the trial and his testimony in an attempt to refute the verdict against him. Killen's broadside is a rebuttal of McMillin's "superlatively ridiculous" charges. He also mocks his evident insolvency, suggests he is a deadbeat and assures McMillin: "you may banish fears of sinking to the degraded level of a mere slanderer. Both your tongue and your pen, sir, have lost all power of slander, or detraction; true like the native polecat, they may occasionally offend and disgust the community yet no one blames it because it is the nature of the beast." No copies located on OCLC or the online catalogs of AAS, Harvard or the Library of Congress. [Order This Item](#)



An Unrecorded Broadside?

15. [Manslaughter]. Thompson, Thomas.

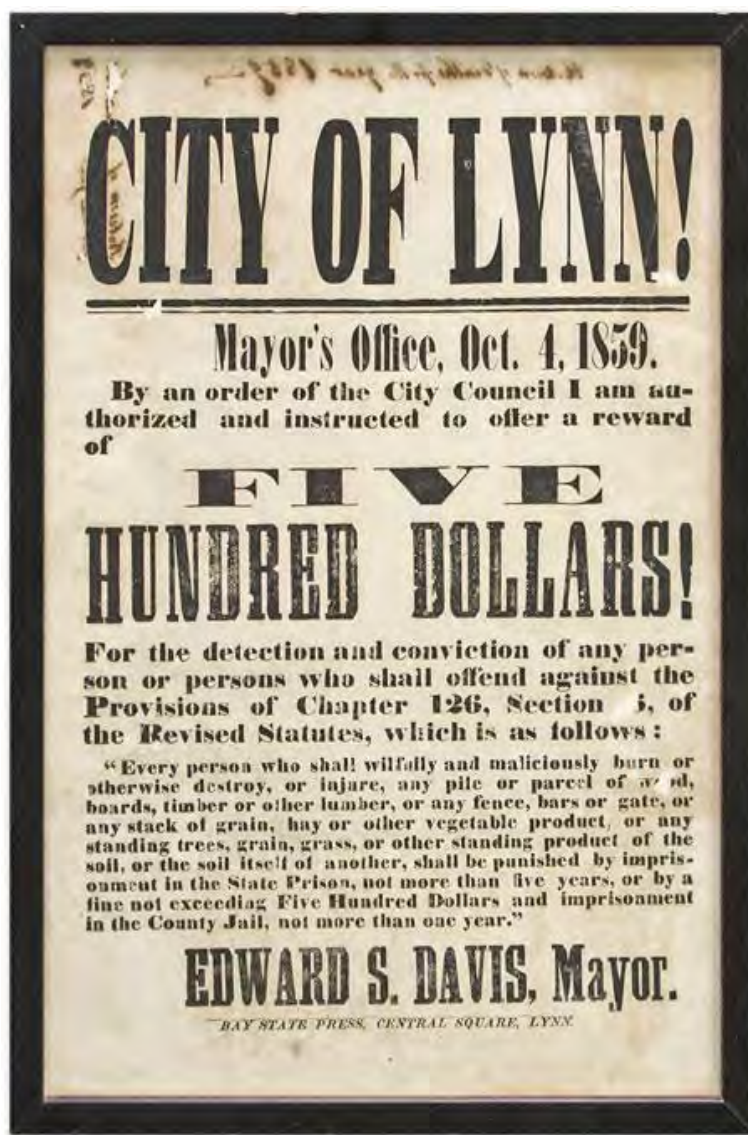
Account of the Awful Death of Patrick M' Connor, A Hewer in the St. Hilda Pit, South Shields, By Being Struck with a Pick, By Thomas Thompson, A Putter in the Same Pit, on Thursday, October 19, 1837. Gateshead: W. Stephenson, Printer, 1837.

13-3/4" x 6-1/4" broadside, bottom 1-1/2" folded, pasted to 13-1/2" x 8" sheet. Text in single column below headline. Light toning, bottom corners cropped (with no loss to text), a few minor chips and tears to sheet. A well-preserved copy. \$1,250.

* A quarrel took place in St. Hilda's mine pit between Thompson and M' Connor over a cart that resulted in M' Connor's death. His body was taken above ground where it was found that "the blow had been given with considerable force, as it had entered the right breast, and penetrated to the bowels, up to the very handle of the instrument..." Thompson, an 18-year-old, was found guilty of the manslaughter. This appears to be an unrecorded broadside. No copies located on COPAC or OCLC. [Order This Item](#)



* This broadside regulates the conduct of army officers who lend and borrow money too freely. The decree forbids senior officers from lending more than 100 florins; junior officers and all lower ranks are not allowed to lend or borrow any amount. Order This Item <http://www.lawbookexchange.com/details.php?record=68702>



A Measure to Reduce
Incidents of Arson in Lynn, Massachusetts

17. [Massachusetts].

Davis, Edward S., Mayor.

City of Lynn! Mayor's Office, Oct. 4, 1859. By an Order of the City Council I Am Authorized and Instructed to Offer an Award of Five Hundred Dollars!.... Lynn, MA: Bay State Press, Central Square, October 4, 1859.

19" x 13" broadside, text below headline. Light toning, some minor chips and tear, faint show-through from early annotations in ink to verso. Item attractively glazed and framed. \$450.

* This notice offers a substantial reward "for the detection and conviction" of people guilty of burning or otherwise harming "any pile or parcel of wood, boards, timber or other lumber, or any fence, bars or gate, or any stack of grain, hay or other vegetable product, or any standing trees, grain, grass, or other standing product of the soil, or the soil itself." This appears to be an unrecorded imprint. No copies located on OCLC. [Order This Item](#)

Reward



MISSING
Mrs. Maggie Corbett and
four children

Mrs. Corbett—Age 38, 5 ft. 2 in., 106 lbs., hair black, eyes brown, dark complexion.

Mabel—Age 14 years, 5 ft., 120 lbs., well built for her age; scar on upper lip caused from hair lip.

Boy, age 4 yrs. Girl, age 3 yrs. Baby girl, age, 1 yr.

Mr. J. L. Corbett is greatly distressed by the sudden disappearance of his wife and fears that her mind may be affected. She disappeared from Texas City, Texas, July 29th, 1905.

Any information regarding her present whereabouts will be greatly appreciated by her husband.

J. L. CORBETT, Texas City, Tex.

She is a first-class dressmaker and may be working at that trade.

John T. Rowan,
Chief of Police, Galveston, Texas.

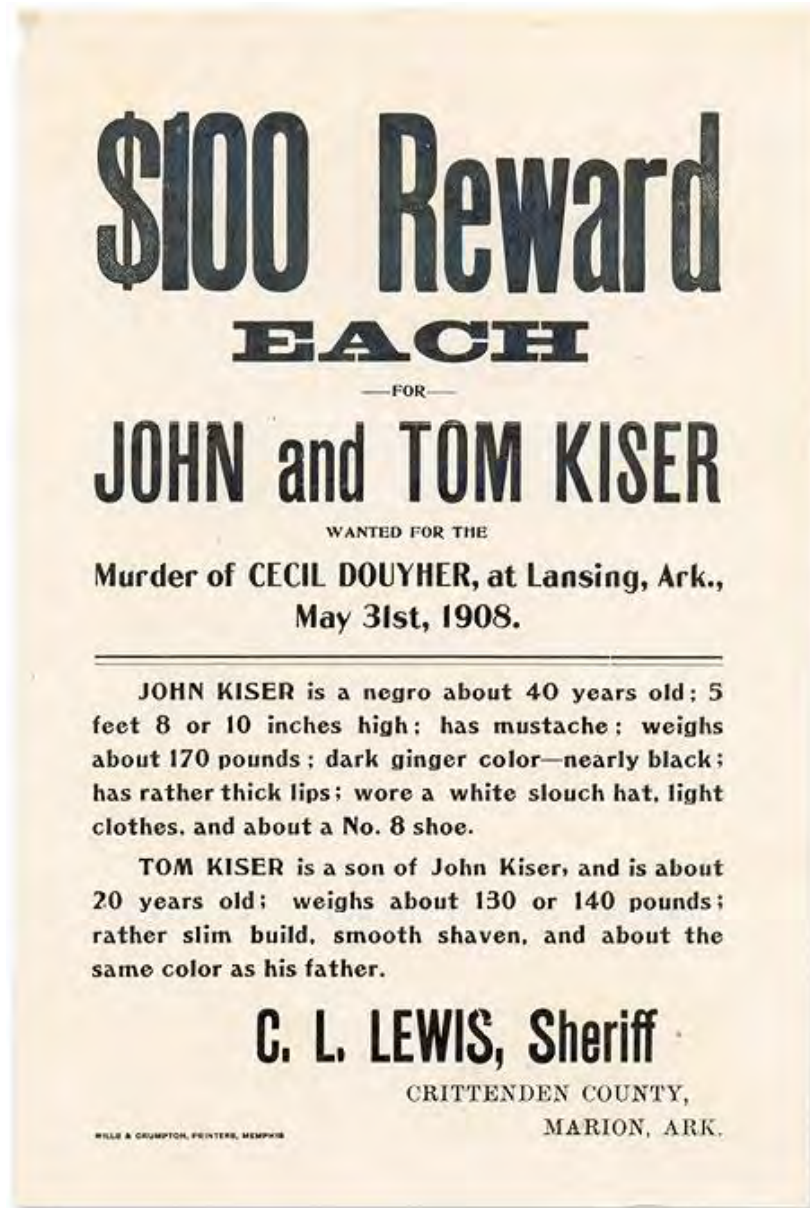
"Her Mind May be Affected"

**18. [Missing Persons].
[Texas].**

Reward. Missing. Mrs. Maggie Corbett and Her Four Children. Galveston, TX, 1905.

8-1/4" x 5-3/4" broadside, large photographic image of Corbett below headline. Moderate toning, discoloration in a few places, horizontal fold lines, top margins trimmed just above headline, two check marks in ink near upper left-hand corner. \$250.

* Signed in type by John T. Rowan, Galveston's chief of police. "Mr. J.L. Corbett is greatly distressed by the sudden disappearance of his wife and fears that her mind may be affected. She disappeared from Texas City, Texas, July 29th, 1905. Any information regarding her present whereabouts will be greatly appreciated by her husband." [Order This Item](#)



Arkansas Wanted Poster from 1908

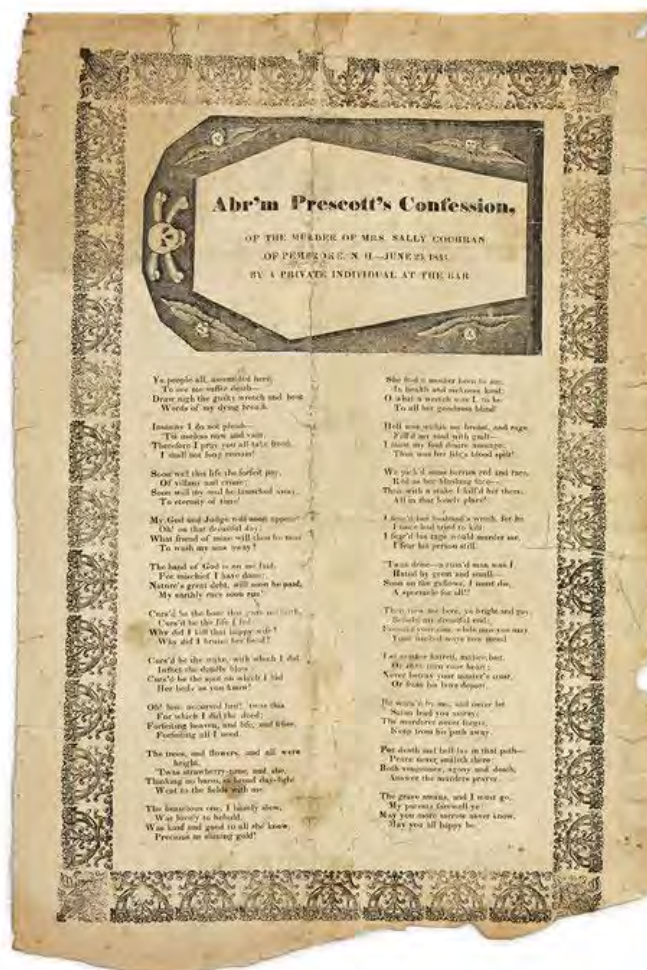
19. [Murder].

[Arkansas].

\$100 Reward Each for John and Tom Kiser, Wanted for the Murder of Cecil Douyher, At Lansing, Ark., May 31st 1908. Memphis, TN: Wills & Crumpton, Printers, [1908].

9" x 6" broadside. Light toning, negligible minor wear around corners, horizontal fold lines. A well-preserved item. \$250.

* The two fugitives were African-Americans. Tom Kiser was John Kiser's son. The handbill is signed in type by C.L. Lewis, the sheriff of Crittenden County. [Order This Item](#)



"Oh! Lust, Accursed Lust! 'Twas This for Which I Did the Deed"

20. [Murder].

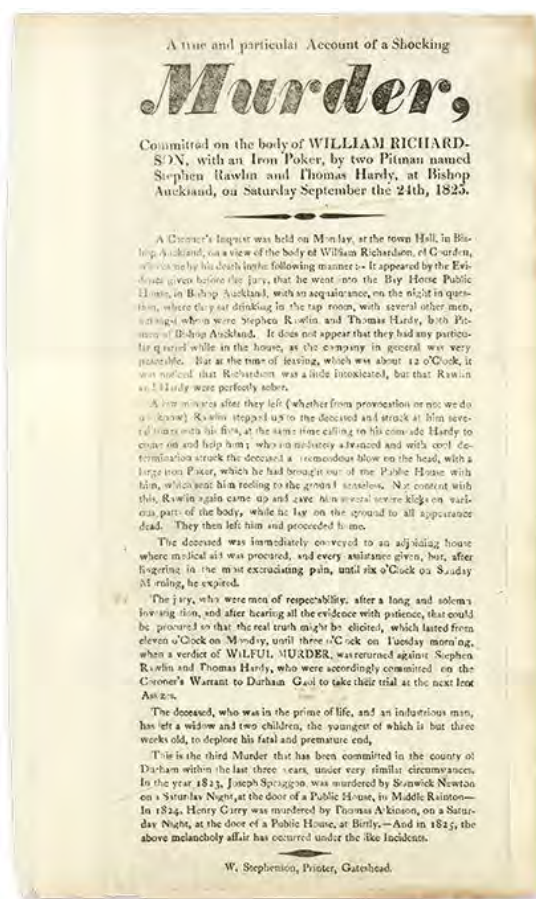
Private Individual at the Bar.

Abr'm Prescott's Confession of the Murder of Mrs. Sally Cochran of Pembroke, N.H.--June 23, 1833. [Concord, NH.]: S.n., 1836.

17" x 11-1/2" broadside. Two-columns of verse in twenty stanzas within woodcut ornamental border, text headed by large woodcut vignette of a coffin. Light brownning and a few minor stains, faint horizontal and vertical fold line, chipping to edges, section lacking from bottom margin, just touching bottom right corner of border, a few tears along fold lines with no loss to text, later repairs to verso. \$2,500.

* Abraham Prescott was found guilty of the murder of Sally Cochran in two separate trials held in Concord in September 1834 and September 1835. Despite a well-crafted insanity defense, he was sentenced to be hanged on December 23, 1835, in Hopkinton, New Hampshire. The execution was postponed to January 6, 1836. The verse account in this broadside presents the murder as a crime of passion: "Oh! lust, accursed lust! 'twas this for which I did the deed; Forfeiting heaven, and life, and bliss, Forfeiting all I need." See McDade, *The Annals of Murder* 769. OCLC locates 7 copies (American Antiquarian Society, Brown, Dartmouth, Harvard, Peabody Essex Museum, University of Michigan, Yale).

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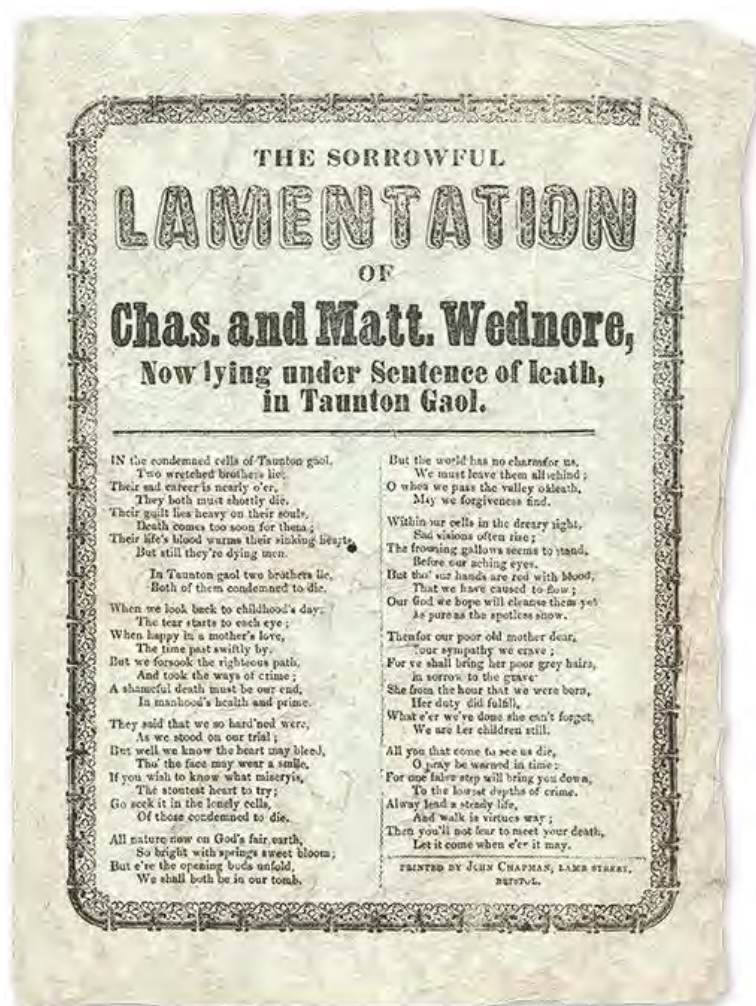
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21. [Murder].
Rawlin, Stephen.
Hardy, Thomas.

A True and Particular Account of a Shocking Murder, Committed on the Body of William Richardson, with an Iron Poker, by Two Pitmen Named Stephen Rawlin and Thomas Hardy, At Bishop Auckland, on Saturday September the 24th, 1825. Gateshead: W. Stephenson, Printer, 1825.

13-1/8" x 6" broadside pasted to 13-1/4" x 8" sheet. Text in single column below headline. Moderate toning, minor edgewear to sheet. A well-preserved copy. \$1,250.

* The murder appears to have been the result of a brawl in a pub. A few minutes after it began, Rawlin called for help to his comrade Hardy, who smashed Richardson in the head with a large iron poker. They left Richardson for dead and proceeded home. After a long and solemn investigation, the jury returned with a verdict of Wilful Murder. The broadside indicates a pattern of similar crimes. "This is the third Murder that has been committed in the county of Durham within the last three years, under very similar circumstances, in the year 1823, Joseph Spraggon was murdered by Stanwick Newton on a Saturday night, at the door of a Public House, in Middle Rainton- In 1824, Henry Curry was murdered by Thomas Atkinson, on a Saturday night at the door of a Public House, at Birtly.- And in 1825, the above melancholy affair has occurred under the like incidents." This appears to be an unrecorded broadside. No copies listed on COPAC or OCLC. [Order This Item](#)



"In Taunton Goal Two Brothers Lie, Both of Them Condemned to Die"

22. [Murder].

Wedmore, Charles.

Wedmore, Matthew.

The Sorrowful Lamentation of Chas and Matt Wedmore, Now Lying Under Sentence of Death [sic] in Taunton Goal. Bristol: Printed by John Chapman, [1862].

10" x 7" broadside. Verse text in parallel columns below headline within woodcut boarder. Moderate toning and light soiling, a few minor tears and tiny holes, minor edgewear to margins. \$1,250.

* Seeking money, the Wedmore brothers invaded the home of Sarah and George Waterman, their elderly great-uncle and great-aunt. When George Waterman opened the door, the brothers forced their way into his house, beat him and his wife, dragged him upstairs and forced him to tell them where the money was. Sarah died shortly afterwards. The brothers were tracked down, convicted and hanged on April 5, 1862. Without question, the brothers were sociopaths. Intended to teach a moral lesson, the broadside portrays them as remorseful. Contemporary accounts of their behavior, both during and after their trial, indicate their indifference toward their horrible crime. This appears to be an unrecorded imprint. No copies located on COPAC or OCLC. [Order This Item](#)



"O What a Horrid Tale to Sound"

23. [Murder].

[White, Joseph (1747 or 1748-1830)].

Murder of Joseph White: The Following Lines were Written on the Death of Mr. Joseph White of Salem, Who was Found Murdered in His Bed on the Morning of the 7th April 1830, Aged 82 Years. Boston: [L. Deming], 1830.

9" x 5-3/2" broadside, untrimmed edges. Woodcut image of coffin below headline, ten-stanza verse text in two columns. Light browning, light soiling and a few minor stains, three horizontal fold lines, early owner signature and early owner stamp to verso. \$1,250.

* A verse account of the murder of Joseph White, one of the most famous American crimes of the 1830s. White, a wealthy sea captain in his 80s who lived in Salem, was murdered by Joseph Knapp with the assistance of Richard and George Crowninshield. Daniel Webster helped the prosecution by presenting the closing argument. Initially, the jury could not decide whether the defendants had bludgeoned White to death. A second trial convicted Knapp and Richard Crowninshield, who were sentenced to death. OCLC locates 7 copies, 2 in law libraries (Harvard, Yale). Burt, *American Murder Ballads* 87. [Order This Item](#)



Verse Account of a Murder-Suicide in Pennsylvania

24. [Murder-Suicide].

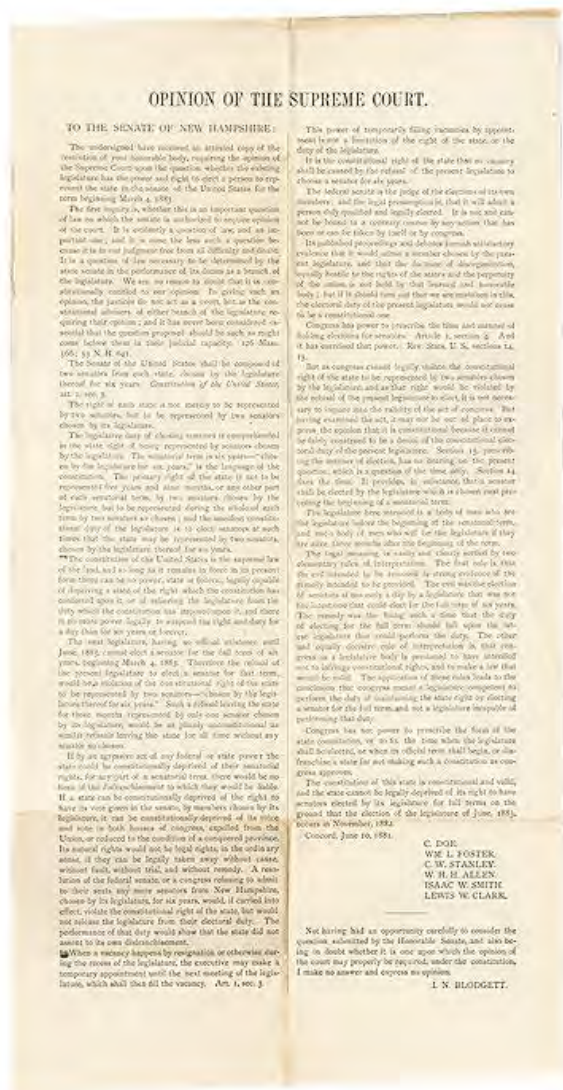
[Pennsylvania].

[Koppelberger, Johannes].

Ein Neues Lied von der Mord-Geschichte des Joseph Miller, Welcher im Januar 1822, Einer Sonntags Nacht Seine Schwangere Frau unde Zwei Kinder auf eine Grausame Art Ermordete, Und sich Selbst Erhing, Welches Alles, Wie man Glaubt, Aus Armuth Geschah...[Running Title]. [N.p.: S.n., 1822]. 12-1/2 x 10" broadside. Text in three columns printed within woodcut border and separated by black rules.

Moderate toning and light foxing, fraying and a few chips to edges, tear to bottom edge with negligible loss to text. \$750.

* This sixteen-stanza "New Song of the Murder-Story of Joseph Miller" is attributed to Johannes Koppelberger. It tells the sad story of a murder-suicide committed by Miller, a German-American. The verses say he eloped from Poland with the daughter of a nobleman in 1817. The couple made their way to Philadelphia and from there to Lebanon, Pennsylvania, where Miller found work as a schoolteacher. The job paid poorly and his wife was increasingly homesick. Depressed, Miller killed his pregnant wife, two children with an ax and himself. It was a grisly affair involving and axe and a knife. This poem was quite popular and issued in a number of different broadside formats. According to Wellenreuter, there were, in all, 16 printings. All are rare. OCLC locates 3 copies of our version (American Antiquarian Society, Library Company of Philadelphia, University of Michigan). Not in Shaw & Shoemaker. Wellenreuther, *Citizens in a Strange Land: A Study of German-American Broadside and Their Meaning for German Americans* 13. [Order This Item](#)



Are New Hampshire's U.S. Senators Serving Shorter Terms Than Their Fellow Senators?

25. [New Hampshire].
[U.S. Constitution].

Opinion of the Supreme Court. To the Senate of New Hampshire [Running Title]. Concord, NH, June 10, 1881.

18" x 9-1/2" broadside. Text in parallel columns. Light browning, vertical and horizontal fold lines, some with clean tears at edges. \$350.

* This broadside records an opinion submitted to the U.S. Supreme Court. It states that New Hampshire's election schedule for state offices results in terms for New Hampshire's U.S. Senators that are three months shorter than those of other senators. It questions how to adjust the election cycle to guarantee 6-year terms to New Hampshire's senators, which were then elected by the state senate. Signed in type by C. Doe, Wm. L. Foster, C.W. Stanley, W.H.H. Allen, Isaac W. Smith, Leis W. Clark, I.N. Blodgett. This appears to be an unrecorded broadside. [Order This Item](#)



Rare 1815 New York Broadside
Concerning Representation in the State Assembly

26. [New York].

An Act Apportioning the Members of Assembly of this State According to the Rule Prescribed by the Constitution. [Albany]: April 8, 1815.

13" x 8" broadside. Lightly browned, light foxing and a few faint dampstains, fold lines, some edgewear, a few short tears along fold lines, annotations to verso. \$450.

* Reflecting the growth of New York's population, this act increased the number of assemblymen from 112 to 126. Annotations on our copy show that it was sent to the clerk of the town of Lewiston. No copies listed on OCLC.

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**Broadside Listing the 116 Laws
Passed by the North Carolina General Assembly in 1802**

27. [North Carolina].

Titles of the Laws Passed by the General Assembly of North-Carolina, At Their Session which Commenced on the 15th of November, And Ended the 18th of December, 1802. N.p.: S.n., c.1802.

17-1/2" x 10-3/4" broadside, text in four columns divided by rules, illegibly docketed on verso. Light browning and foxing, vertical and horizontal fold lines, a few clean tears and wear at folds, cellotape repairs to verso, several small areas of loss to text (largest about 3/4 inch), left edge trimmed unevenly, faint dampstaining to bottom edge. \$1,500.

* Intended for public locations, this broadside lists of 116 laws passed in the session which ran from 15 November to 18 December 1802. Highlights are a law "to prevent the vile practice of Duelling," and an act "for the relief of the Tuscarora Nation of Indians." Laws 37, 38 and 100 relate to slave insurrections: levying a tax "for defraying the expences incurred in suppressing the late insurrection of the Negroes"; repealing a law which compensated "the owners of outlawed and executed slaves" of certain counties; and "to prevent conspiracies and insurrections among the Slaves." This appears to be an unrecorded broadside. No copies listed on OCLC. [Order This Item](#)



The Last Decapitated Head Displayed On London Bridge

28. Stayley, William.

An Account of the Digging Up of the Quarters of William Stayley, Lately Executed for High Treason, For That His Relations Abused the Kings Mercy. Imprimatur Novemb 30. 1678. William Scroggs. London: Printed for Robert Pawlet at the Sign of the Bible in Chancery-Lance [sic], near Fleet-street. 1678.

11-1/2" x 16" broadside. Light toning, faint vertical and horizontal fold lines, 4-1/2" section excised from foot of left margin, old tear professionally repaired with no loss of printed surface. A well-preserved copy. \$850.

* William Stayley (or Stayley) was one of the victims of the Popish Plot, one of the cruelest hoaxes in British history and the inspiration for a wave of anti-Catholic violence. It was the invention of Titus Oates, an Anglican clergyman, and his friend, Dr. Israel Tonge, a cleric and passionate anti-Catholic. They pretended to have discovered a Jesuit plot to assassinate the King, massacre Protestants, and set James, Duke of York, the King's Catholic brother, on the throne. Convicted as a conspirator, Stayley was executed and quartered in 1678. "Instead of his quarters being set upon the city gates the king allowed them to be delivered to his relatives. Mass was said over his remains and a 'grand' funeral was arranged from his father's house on 29 November, before his burial in St Paul's, Covent Garden. This incensed the government so much that the coroner ordered the body to be dug up and delivered to the sheriff to be set upon the city gates" [*Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*]. William Stayley's head has a small place in London's history; it was the last to be displayed on London Bridge. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R211806. [Order This Item](#)



A Tax to Defray the Cost of the Revolutionary War

29. [Taxation]. [Massachusetts].

Commonwealth of Massachusetts. (Tax No 3.). Boston, June, 1783. 16" x 10" broadside, amount of assessed tax and date added in manuscript by Thomas Ivers, treasurer and receiver-general of Massachusetts, his signature, dated October 1, 1783, below text.

Mounted on linen, lightly browned, some edgewear, sections lacking from corners and along fold lines with minor loss to text. A rare item. \$1,000.

* This broadside is, in effect, a warrant to collect unpaid taxes. In this particular case, an amount of four pounds and four shillings to be collected by the constable or collector in the town of Leverett, Massachusetts. According to Ford, this broadside was printed in June of 1783, at a time when the Commonwealth was trying to pay down expenses associated with the war. Financial hardship from the war would persist long after the conflict with Great Britain ended, and the Commonwealth applied sustained pressure to collect revenue from its cities and towns. Interestingly, this prophetic broadside foretells Shays's Rebellion, in that just three years later perceived economic and taxation inequities prompted rural central and western Massachusetts such as Leverett to rise up in a series of historic protests against the Commonwealth. No copies listed on OCLC. Ford, *Broadside & Ballads &c. Printed in Massachusetts 1639-1800* 2371.

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**Theft of a Horse and Other Property
from a Prominent Citizen of Auburn, NY**

30. [Theft].

[Auburn, New York].

Porter, Lansing [1817-1902].

\$25.00 Reward! Stolen from My Stable Near Auburn, On the Night of March 14th, 1873, A Horse Cutter, &c. Auburn, NY: S.n., 1873.

11-1/4" x 8" broadside on yellow paper. Light soiling, faint staining along right-hand margin, a few small chips to edges, upper left-hand corner lacking, text not affected. \$500.

* An award offered by Porter for the recovery of a horse, tack gear, buffalo robes and an umbrella stolen from Porter's stable. Porter, a prominent citizen of Auburn, was pastor of the Congregational Church who served as a militia captain during the Civil War. [Order This Item](#)