
30 Broadsides

May 8, 2018



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\$50.00 REWARD!

The above reward will be paid for the recovery the

BODY OF MISS JENNIE WARREN

Who was drowned by breaking through the ice at

HAMPTON, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1st.

She was 17 years of age, short, dark complected, weight about 115 pounds, had long black hair braided down the back. She wore a wine colored dress, a gray cloak trimmed with black fur, and a black toboggan tied with a red ribbon, she also wore a large set gold ring.

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A Fatal Fall Through Thin Ice

1. [Broadside].
[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 complected, weight about 115 pounds." This appears to be an unrecorded broadside. [Order This Item](#)



1836 Broadside of Laws Regulating Albany's Public Markets

2. [Broadside].
[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. [Broadside].

[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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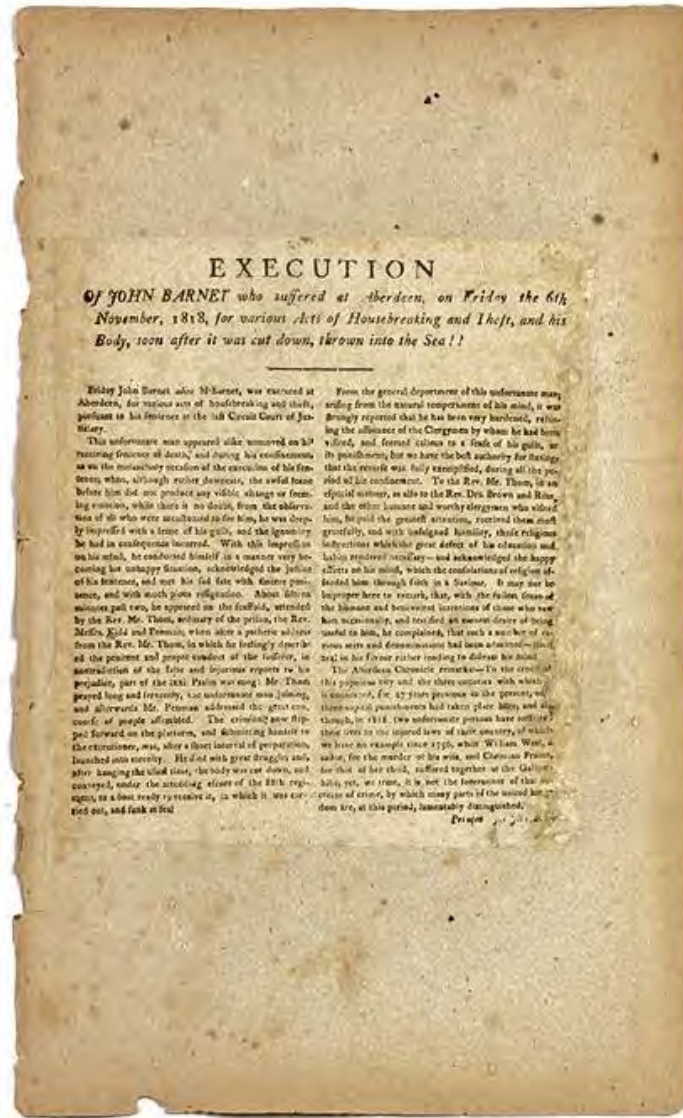


An Unrecorded Broadside?

4. [Broadside].
[Execution].
[Anderson, Henry].

Particulars of the Life, Trial, and Execution of Henry Anderson, Aged 33, Who Was Executed at the Drop, in Front of the New Goal, at Durham, on Monday the 18th of March, 1822, for a Rape, committed on the Body of Sarah Armstrong. Durham: Hoggett, Printer; Reprinted by G. Angus, Newcastle, [c. 1823]. 12" x 7-1/2" broadsheet, verso blank, light edgewear, faint dampstain, slightly creased. \$650.

* Henry Anderson, a coal miner, was a resident of Old Painshaw (Penshaw?) County Durham. The crime for which he was hanged, was committed in a field where there is a footpath leading from Sunderland to Philadelphia, near Hought-le-Spring. The given account shows that both his brother and his uncle had been tried for similar offenses in earlier times. No copies found on OCLC or COPAC. [Order This Item](#)



With a Curious Note of Local Pride

5. [Broadside].

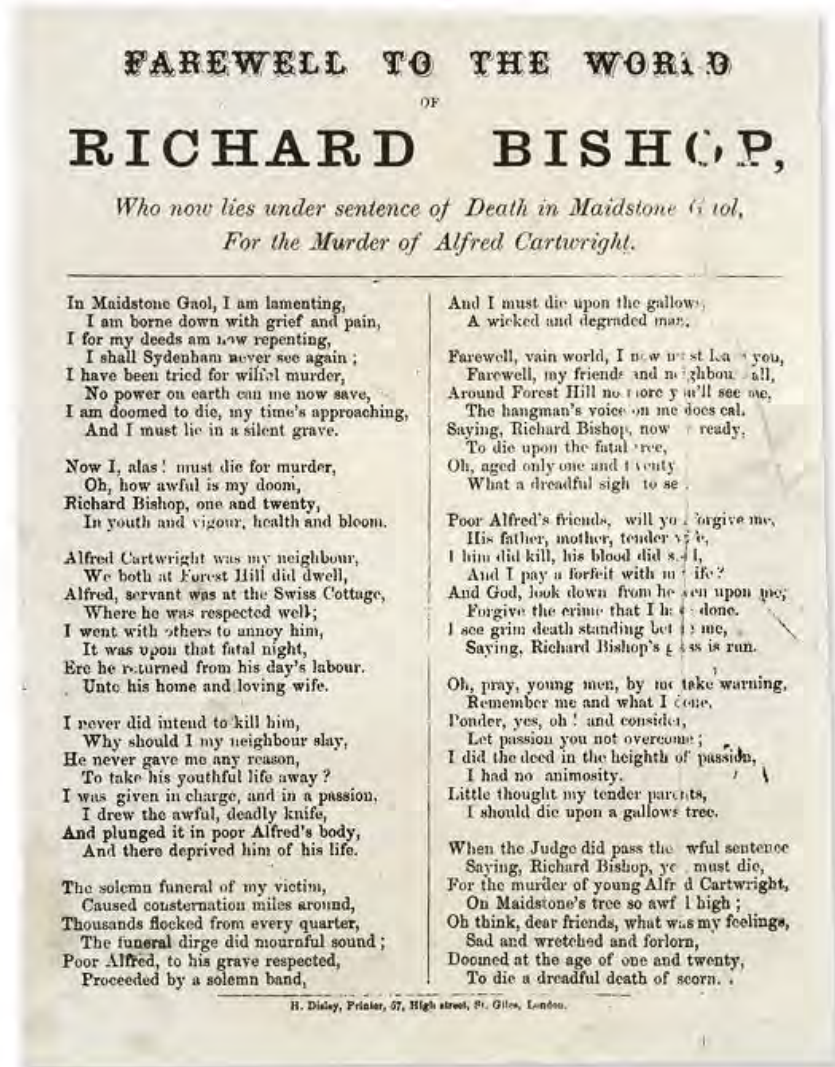
[Execution].

Barnet, John [d. 1818].

Execution of John Barnet 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.

* Barnet "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

6. [Broadside].

[Execution].

Bishop, Richard [d. 1868].

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](#)



Murder at Sea

7. [Broadside].

[Execution].

Sattler, Christian [d. 1858].

Life, Trial, And Execution of Christian Sattler, For the Murder of Thain the Detective. [London: S.n., 1858].

19-3/4" x 14-1/2" broadside mounted to 22-1/2" x 25" frame. Text in four columns within woodcut border, large woodcut vignette of execution, featuring a superimposed "close up" of the hanged man, within woodcut border near center of text below headline. Main text preceded by four stanzas of verse. Some toning, minor creases to margins, "February 8: 1858" in small early hand to upper right corner above border. \$1,950.

* Sattler was a German man who stole a bag of valuables belonging to a London stockbroker from an inn in Cambridgeshire (shortly after his release from jail). After stealing the bag Sattler fled to the continent and was tracked down and arrested in Hamburg by two London detectives, Charles Thain and William Jarvis. On the journey back to England, Thain left Sattler alone in his cabin where he found a pistol, which he used to murder Thain when he returned to Sattler's cabin. Sattler was found guilty and hanged at the Old Bailey on February 8, 1858. This broadside includes an eight-stanza ballad about the crime and eight additional sections titled The Interview, The Letter, Sattler's Last Moments, The Condemned Sermon, The Trial, Verdict, Judge's Address, and The Execution. OCLC locates 2 copies (British Library, UNC-Chapel Hill). [Order This Item](#)



"The Crimes of These Men were Most Dangerous to Society, And Attended with Many Circumstances of Aggravation"

8. [Broadside].
[Executions].
[Great Britain].

A True and Correct Account of the Trial, Confession and Execution of Dr. Patrick Dooring for a Rape, And of William Varley, Benjamin Micklethwaite, And Benjamin Gartside, For Burglary, Who Were Executed at the New Drop, Behind the Castle, At York, On Saturday, April 12, 1817. York: Printed and Sold by C. Croshaw, [1817].

14" x 8-1/2" broadside. Woodcut execution scene depicting three bodies hanging from a gallows above headline. Text in two columns, black border along margins. Light browning and edgewear, negligible light soiling, a few minor creases, small section below text clipped from lower right-hand border. \$1,500.

* "It is some years since so many prisoners were executed at one time, but the crimes of these men were most dangerous to society, and attended with many circumstances of aggravation" (subtitle). The text consists of detailed accounts of the crimes that had been committed with an emphasis on the deeds of the Irish physician Patrick Dooring and the "unfortunate victim of his lawless lust," fourteen year old Ann Broadbent. In notably lurid language, the account details the crime's preparation, the crime and the search for Dooring, who had escaped to Ireland. The crimes of the other two are also described in detail. As is often the case, the final paragraphs of the text advise readers to ponder their actions and how they may lead to a "violent and ignominious death." The woodcut depicts three people hanging from their nooses behind York Castle. It is clearly a generic image; one of them is a woman. This appears to be an unrecorded broadside. No copies are recorded on OCLC or the British Library. [Order This Item](#)



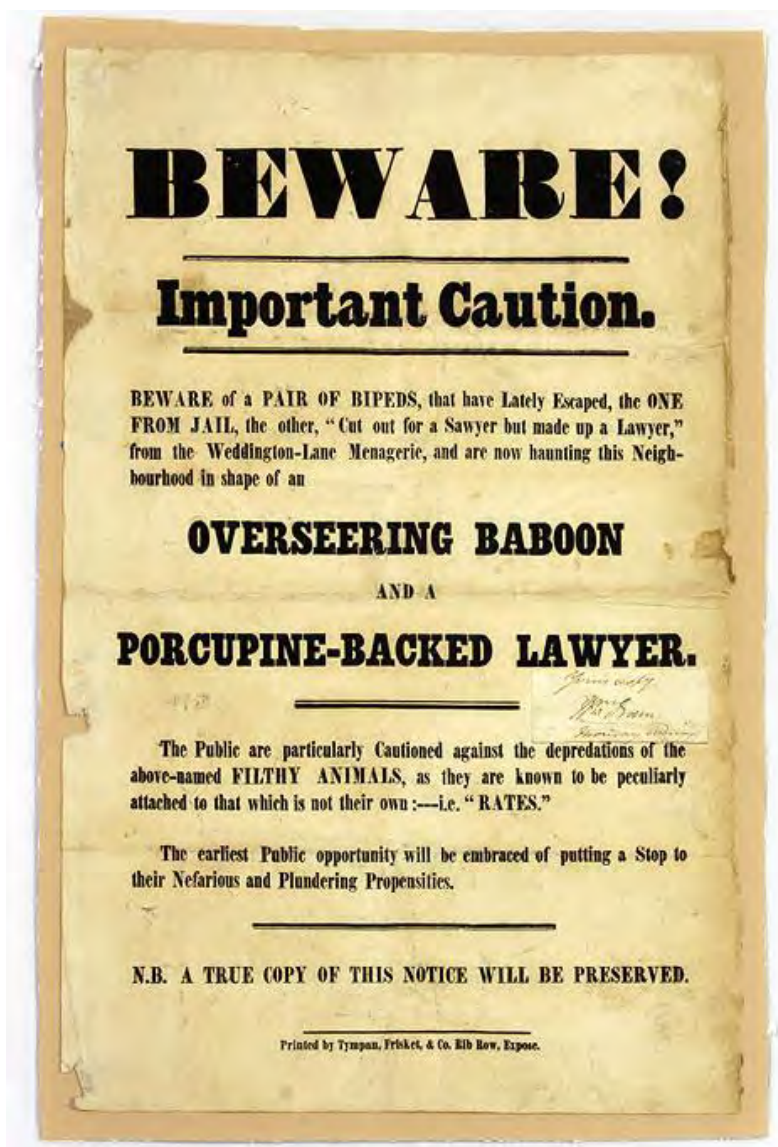
Legal Broadside from the Ancien Regime

9. [Broadside].
[France].

Arrest du Conseil d'Etat du Roi, Portant Règlement pour la Perception des Droits de Petit-Scel, & De Ceux des Présentations & Défauts des Causes Entre Marchands, Qui Seront Jugées 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](#)



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

**10. [Broadside].
[Great Britain].**

Beware! Important Caution. Beware of a Pair of Bipedes, 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[ectfully] 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. \$2,500.

* The text of this 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"

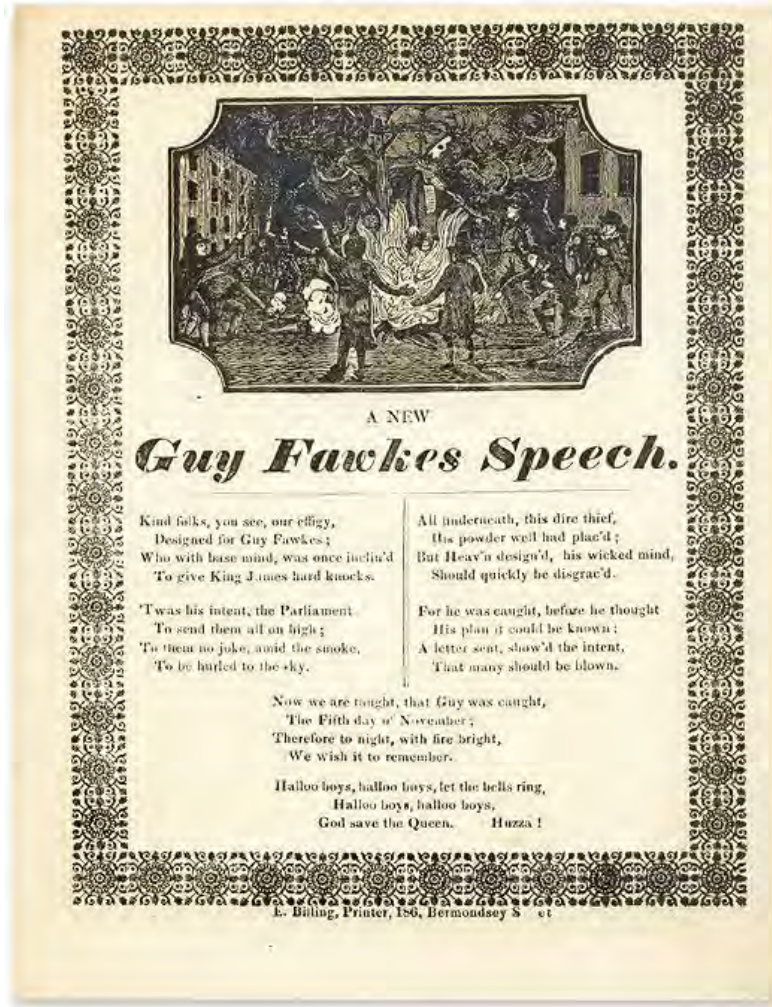
11. [Broadside].
[Great Britain]
[Criminals].

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 Incl'in'd to Give King James Hard Knocks"

12. [Broadside].

[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](#)



Parliament Demands a Religious Loyalty Oath from the Leaders of the Cinque Ports

13. [Broadside].

[Great Britain].

[Loyalty Oaths].

Die Veneris 30 Julii. 1641. Resolved upon the Question. That this House Doth Conceive that the Protestation Made by Them, is Fit to be Taken by Every Person that is Well Affected in Religion [running title].

12-1/2" x 9-1/2" broadside, text in single column between woodcut architectural borders at head and foot. Light toning, vertical and horizontal fold lines, some edgewear and a few minor tears, border at foot of text affected by trimming, section lacking from left-hand margin just touching text and border at head of text, early annotation to verso. Item housed in recent buckram slipcase with printed spine title label. A rare item. \$450.

* Only edition. This broadside announces a resolution passed by the House of Commons requiring all office-holders to take a religious oath. This resolution applies to the Cinque Ports, a group of commercially and strategically important port towns in southern England that enjoyed unique legal privileges, including self-government and exemption from taxation, in exchange for supplying the Crown with men and ships in times of war. Clearly intended to subjugate Royalists, this resolution was passed by Parliament during its political and religious power struggle with Charles I. OCLC locates 2 copies (Victoria and Albert Museum, Yale). The *ESTC* adds the Bodleian Library, Oxford, the British Library and Harvard (2 copies). *English Short-Title Catalogue* R209686. [Order This Item](#)



An Unrecorded Illinois Broadside?

14. [Broadside].

[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

15. [Broadside].

[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](#)



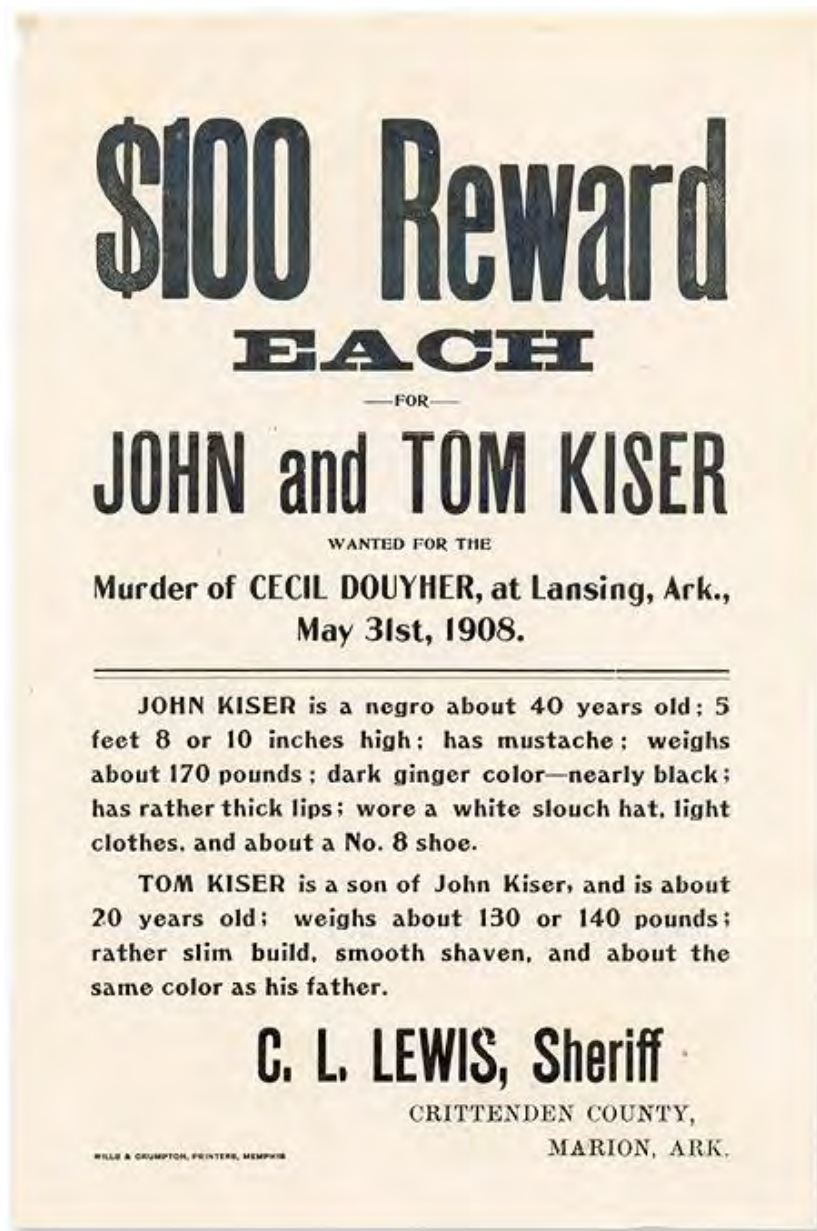
A Missouri Judge Responds to His Critics

16. [Broadside]. 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](#)



Arkansas Wanted Poster from 1908

17. [Broadside].

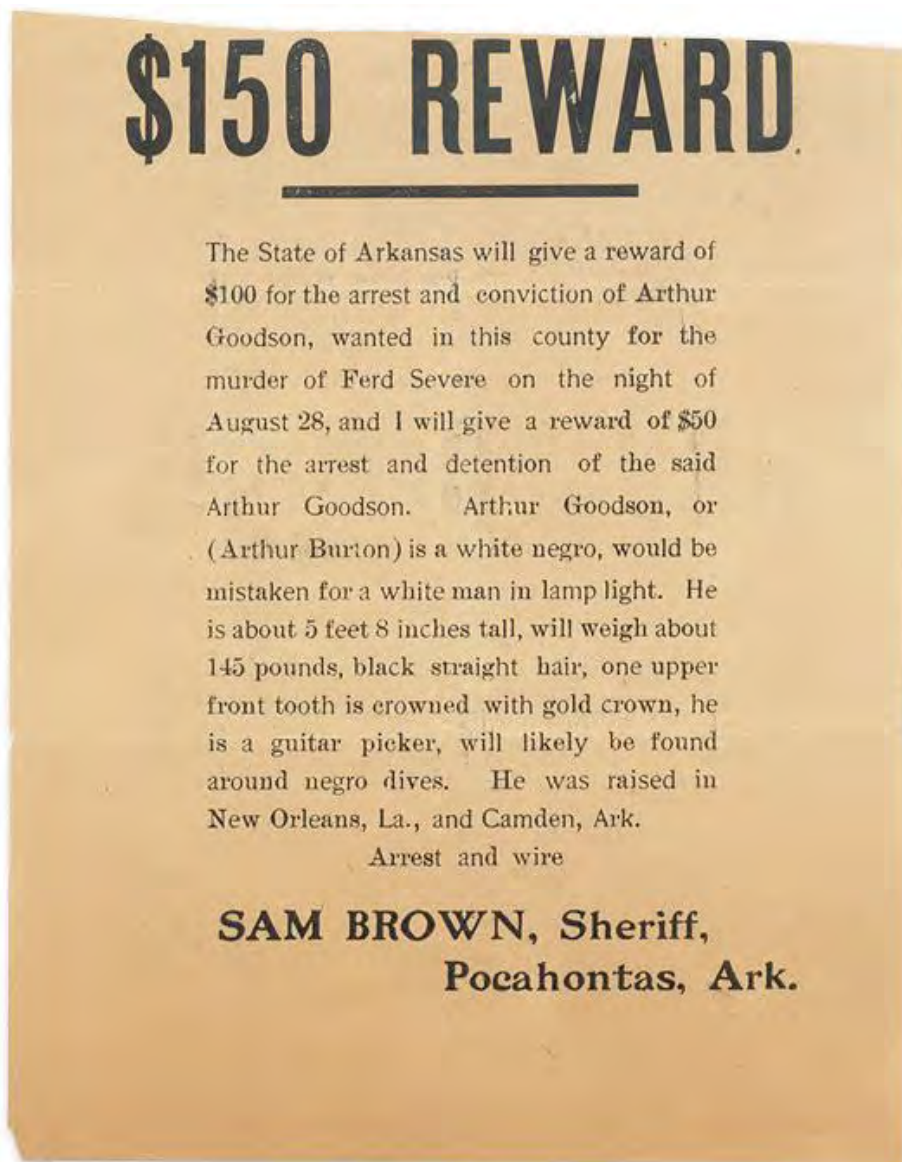
[Murder].

[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](#)



"A Guitar Picker, Will Likely be Found Around Negro Dives"

18. [Broadside].

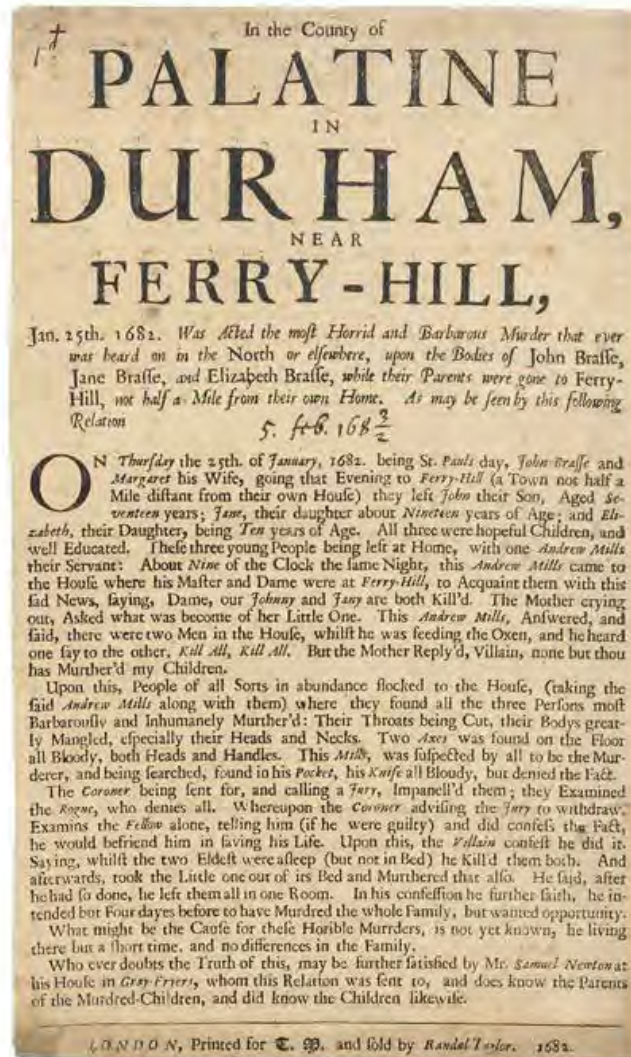
[Murder].

[Arkansas].

\$150 Reward. Pocahontas, Arkansas, NY: S.n., [c. 1900].

7-1/2" x 5-3/4" broadside. Light soiling and negligible edgewear, upper margin removed with minor loss to headline, two short clean tears, horizontal fold lines. \$250.

* Signed in type by Sam Brown, Sheriff of Pocahontas. The fugitive, Arthur Goodson, alias Arthur Burton, is described as "a white negro [who] would be mistaken for a white man in lamp light. He is about 5 feet 8 inches tall, will weigh about 145 pounds, black straight hair, one upper front tooth is crowned with gold crown, he is a guitar picker, will likely be found around negro dives." [Order This Item](#)



"The Most Horrid and Barbarous Murder that Ever was Heard on in the North or Elsewhere"

19. [Broadside].

[Murder].

[Great Britain].

In the County of Palatine in Durham, Near Ferry-Hill, Jan. 25th. 1682. Was Acted the Most Horrid and Barbarous Murder that Ever was Heard on in the North or Elsewhere, Upon the Bodies of John Brasse, Jane Brasse, and Elizabeth Brasse, While Their Parents were Gone to Ferry-Hill, Not Half a Mile from Their Own Home. As May be Seen by This Following Relation. London: Printed for T.M. and sold by Randal Taylor, 1682.

11" x 6-1/2" broadside, text in single column below boldface caption title. Light browning and foxing, "5. feb 1683/2" in contemporary hand near center of broadside, another small mark to upper left corner. A well-preserved copy of a very scarce item. \$1,750.

* Only printing. A horrid account of a home invasion that resulted in the murder of three children while their parents were away. An event such as this was horrifying not only as a murder, but a violation of the English principle that a man's home was inviolate, that it is "his castle." This is a rare broadside. No copies located on OCLC. The ESTC locates 3 copies, none in North America. *English Short-Title Catalogue* R178413. [Order This Item](#)



**Lurid German Broadside Commemorating
a Mother Who Killed Her Children, then Committed Suicide**

20. [Broadside]
[Murder-Suicide].
[Bavaria, Germany].

Schrecklicher Kinder- u. Selbstmord, Zu Holzkirchen am 25ten Februar 1850. [Holzkirchen, Germany], 1850. 10" x 8-1/4" broadside. Verse text in two columns divided by vertical black rule, large woodcut vignette of murder scene below large woodcut title.

Light toning and minor edgewear, otherwise fine. \$500.

* Using a kitchen knife, a distraught mother killed her two children, one 6 months old, the other 4. She then stabbed herself fatally. The bodies were found in the woods near Holzkirchen, a small city in Upper Bavaria. The text recounts the event without any explanation of the mother's motive. It is simply "a terrible child-murder and suicide." Pfister, who recorded this broadside, identifies the woman, Therese Pitzer, a schoolteacher in Holzkirchen. Pfister, *Kunstsammlung Pfister München: Verzeichniss einer Collection Monacensia, Bavarica u.A* II:3253. [Order This Item](#)



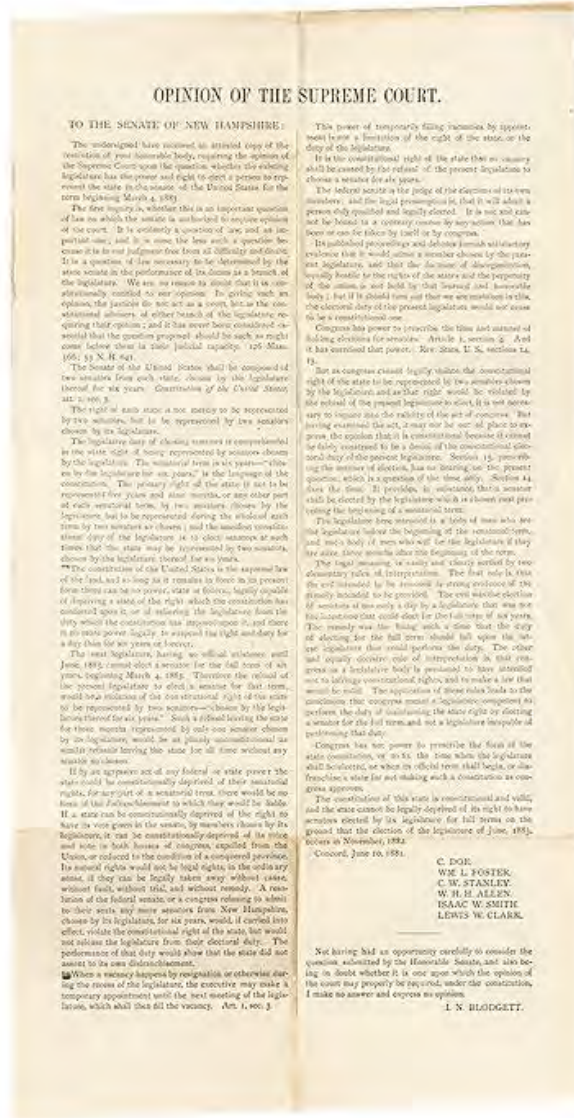
Verse Account of a Murder-Suicide in Pennsylvania

21. [Broadside].
[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 Glaubte, 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?

22. [Broadside].
[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

23. [Broadside].
[New York].

An Act Appportioning 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**

24. [Broadside].
[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

25. [Broadside]. 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 Massachusetts Tax to Defray the Cost of the Revolutionary War

26. [Broadside].
[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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A Minister Accused of Incest and Domestic Violence

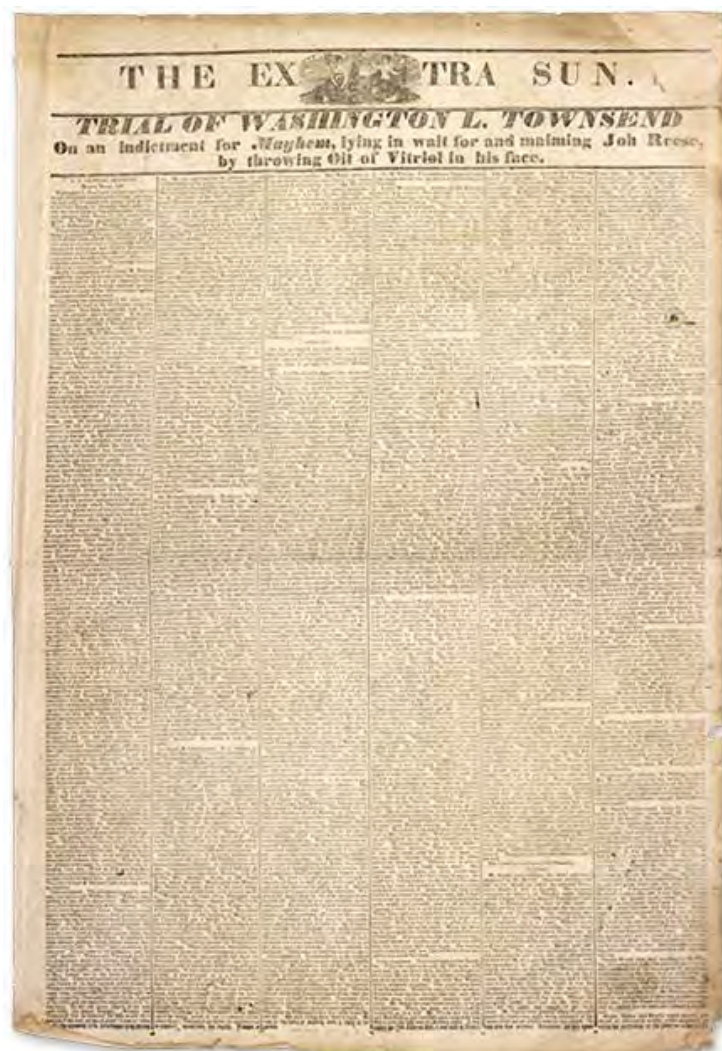
27. [Broadside].
[Trial].

Marcus [Pseudonym of Daniel Dana (1771-1859)].

Supplement to the Salem Gazette. [Text Begins:] Mr. Cushing, As the Extraordinary Result of the Ecclesiastical Council at Ipswich has been Officially Published... Salem: Tuesday, December 3, 1805

17-1/4" x 10-3/4" newspaper broadsheet, untrimmed edges, four-column text on recto. Light browning, single vertical and horizontal fold lines, faint early owner signature to top margin. \$500.

* Joseph Dana [1742-1827], minister of the South Church, Ipswich, was accused by his wife Elizabeth of physical abuse and committing incest with his stepdaughter sometime in October, 1805. Dana was tried by the church council, which failed to clearly exonerate him. The council's ambiguous deliberations, published in the press, brought forth this reply by Daniel Dana, Joseph's son and minister of the Presbyterian Church at Newburyport. Signing himself "Marcus," Daniel Dana vindicates his father's character and defends his conduct. Refuting the worst conclusions of the council, he claims that the wife is emotionally unstable, has been fixated on their daughter and the question of incest and has exaggerated whatever "physical abuse" he may have committed against her under extreme provocation. This piece first appeared in the *Newbury Herald*; shortly after this printing in the *Salem Gazette* it was separately published in pamphlet form under the title, *A Reply to the Vindication of the Result of the Late Council, Newburyport*, Newburyport, Jan, 1806 (Shaw & Shoemaker, *American Imprints* 10787). It was answered in turn by Leonard Woods in *A Testimony Against the Publications of Marcus*, an *A Vindication of the Character of Mrs. Elizabeth Dana*, both Newburyport, 1806. (Shaw & Shoemaker 11897 & 11770). This broadside supplement appears to be unrecorded; it is not held by the American Antiquarian Society or listed on OCLC. [Order This Item](#)



An Unrecorded Extra: The Victim Maimed with Oil of Vitriol

28. [Broadside].

[Trial].

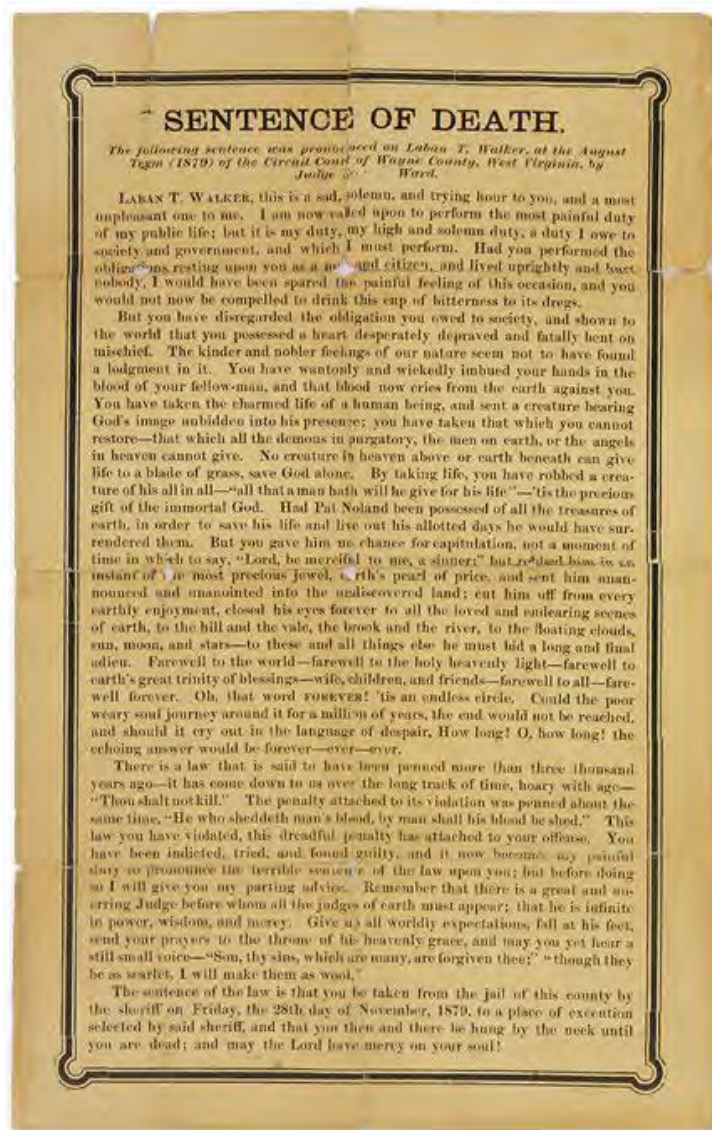
Townsend, Washington L., Defendant.

"Trial of Washington L. Townsend on an Indictment for Mayhem, Lying in Wait For and Maiming Joh[n] Reese, By Throwing Oil of Vitriol in His Face," *The Extra Sun* (New York, 1839).

20" x 15" newspaper broadsheet, six-column text on recto and verso. Light browning and a few tiny stains, horizontal fold line across center, some edgewear and minor chips and tears to margins. \$750.

* This extra issued by the *New York Sun* offers a complete account of a grisly assault with sulfuric acid (oil of vitriol). Townsend, a carpenter, and Reese, a bookbinder, were acquaintances who knew each other for about five years. Shortly before his maiming, Reese heard a rumor that Townsend was a bigamist. He shared this information with Townsend's wife. It seems he was conducting an affair with her and was hoping this news would persuade her to leave her husband. Townsend was indicted for mayhem and assault and battery with intent to kill. Townsend, though apparently guilty, was acquitted. According to *The Law Reporter*, this was a case that "caused much excitement in New York." However, our broadside appears to be its only popular account. Also, it appears to be unrecorded. *The Law Reporter* 1 (1838-1839) 344.

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Broadside Relating to an 1879 Execution in Wayne County, West Virginia

29. [Broadside].

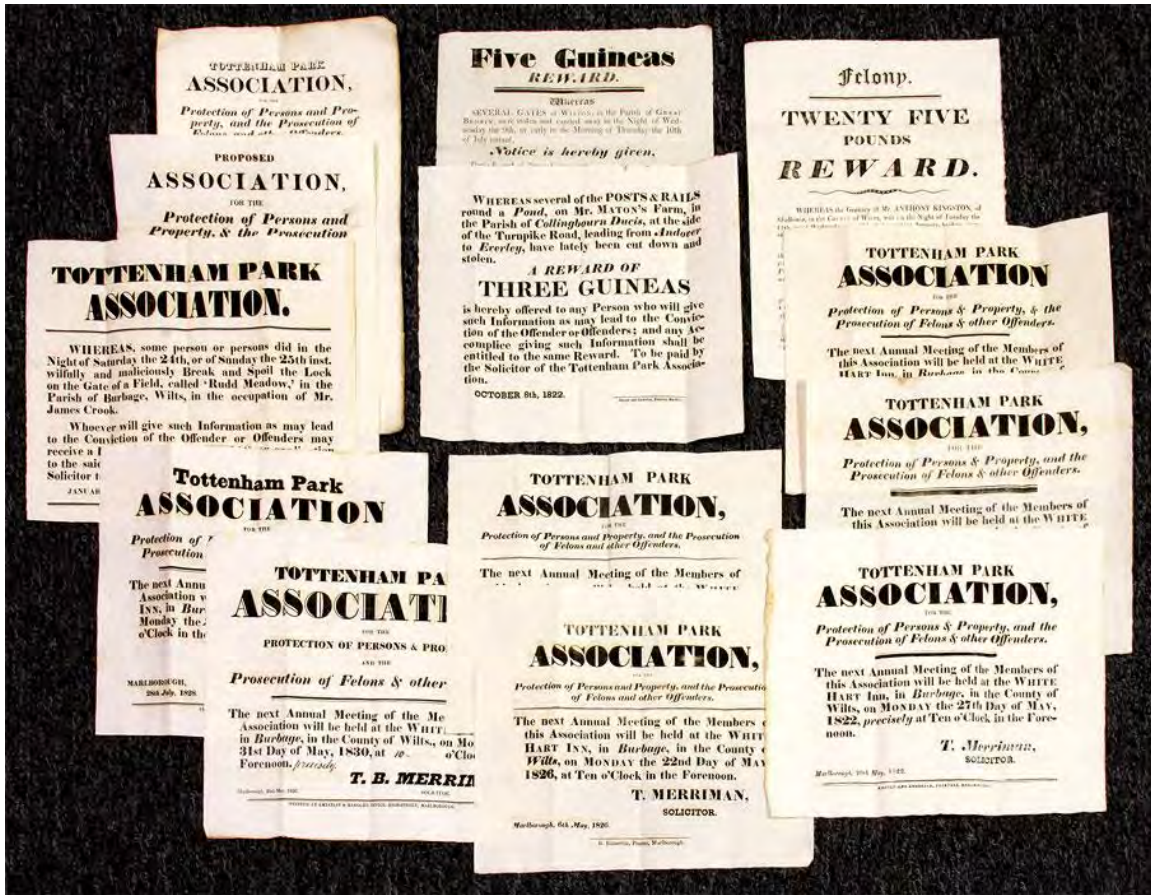
[Trial].

[Walker, Laban T. (d. 1879)].

Sentence of Death, The Following Sentence was Pronounced on Laban T. Walker, At the August Term (1879) of the Circuit Court of Wayne County, West Virginia, By Judge [S.D.] Ward. [Wayne County, WV: S.n., 1879].

17" x 10-3/4" broadside. Single-column text below headline within ruled border. Light browning, vertical and horizontal fold lines, a few small holes with minor loss to text, some tears along fold lines, a few minded on verso with cellotape. \$650.

* Complete text of the death sentence pronounced by Judge Ward, an interesting text rich in biblical references. On August 21, 1878, Walker shot Patrick Nolan. In the following year Walker was found guilty of first degree murder and sentenced to hang. On November 28, 1879, an enormous crowd witnessed the execution. According to a commemorative article in the *Wayne County News* (February 7, 1924), the execution had a carnival-like atmosphere and was the only civil execution to occur in Wayne County. No copies located on OCLC. [Order This Item](#)



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

30. [Broadsides].
 [Great Britain].
 [Tottenham Park Association].

[Collection of Printed Broadsides 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. \$1,950.

* 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.

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