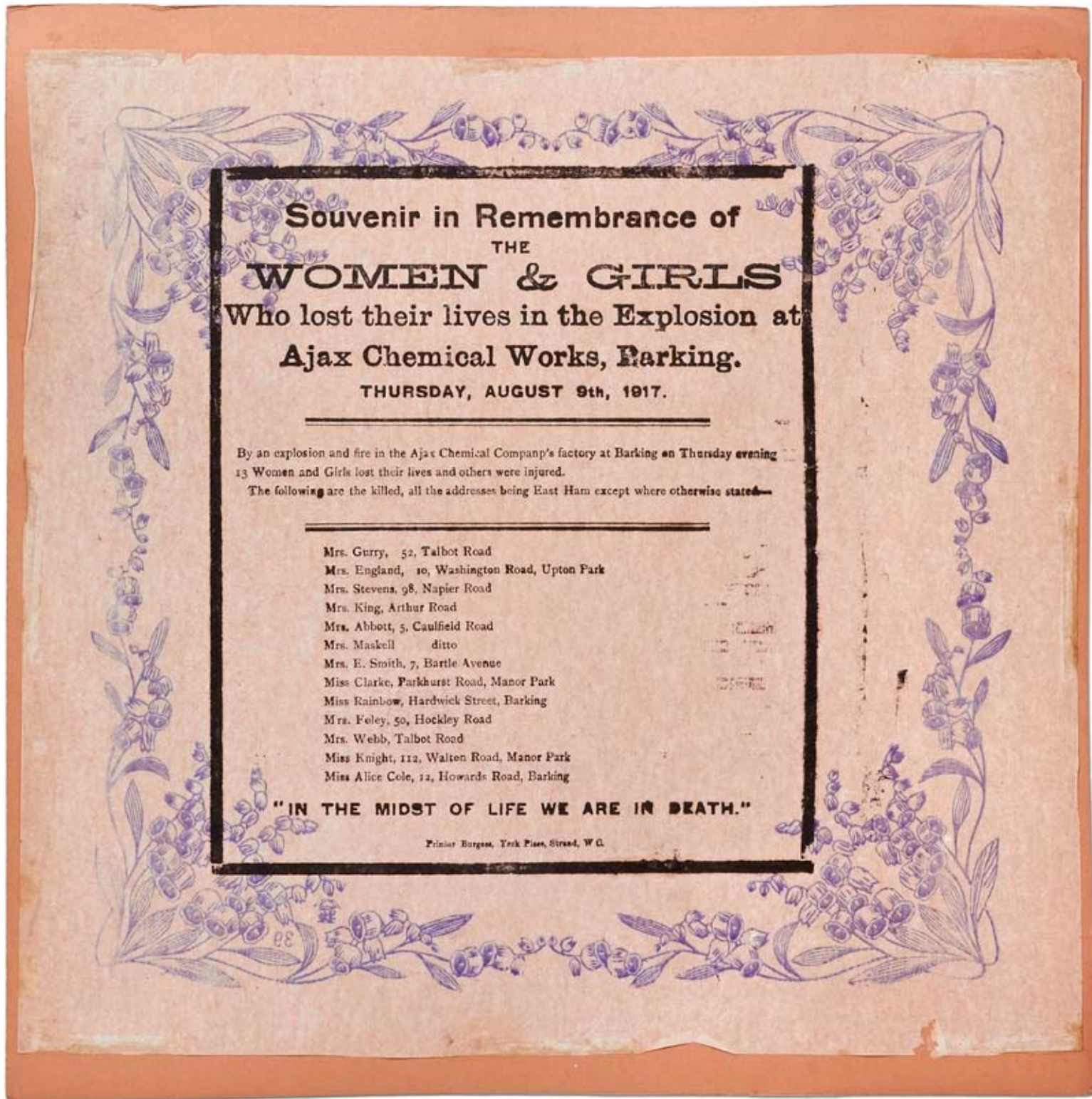


*[Broadside]: Souvenir in Remembrance of the Women & Girls Who lost their lives in the Explosion at Ajax Chemical Works, Barking. Thursday, August 9th, 1917*  
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Who lost their lives in the Explosion at  
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THURSDAY, AUGUST 9th, 1917.

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13 Women and Girls lost their lives and others were injured.

The following are the killed, all the addresses being East Ham except where otherwise stated—

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Mrs. England, 10, Washington Road, Upton Park  
Mrs. Stevens, 98, Napier Road  
Mrs. King, Arthur Road  
Mrs. Abbott, 5, Caulfield Road  
Mrs. Maskell ditto  
Mrs. E. Smith, 7, Bartle Avenue  
Miss Clarke, Parkhurst Road, Manor Park  
Miss Rainbow, Hardwick Street, Barking  
Mrs. Foley, 50, Hockley Road  
Mrs. Webb, Talbot Road  
Miss Knight, 112, Walton Road, Manor Park  
Miss Alice Cole, 12, Howards Road, Barking

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Broadside. 14" x 13¼". Printed on thin crepe paper in black with floral border printed in purple. Mounted, almost certainly at an early date on stiff pink card. Small chip on lower margin, else a fine example of an exceptionally fragile and uncommon broadside commemorating the work of women and girls in a chemical factory, the broadside lists the names and addresses of the thirteen who were killed.



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The women were performing essential war work at the time of the accident. The Ajax Chemical Works manufactured artillery shells for the troops in France. Fortuitously for most, the explosion happened as the shifts were changing. A little earlier or later and the blast could have killed all or most of the 150 women who worked in the factory. Neither *OCLC* or *COPAC* locate any copies, and not surprisingly. The exceptionally thin crepe paper would have been unlikely to survive had not someone happily had the foresight to mount the broadside on card. A rare commemorative broadside for girls and women who lost their lives in the war effort. [BTC#400567]