

BETWEEN THE COVERS RARE BOOKS

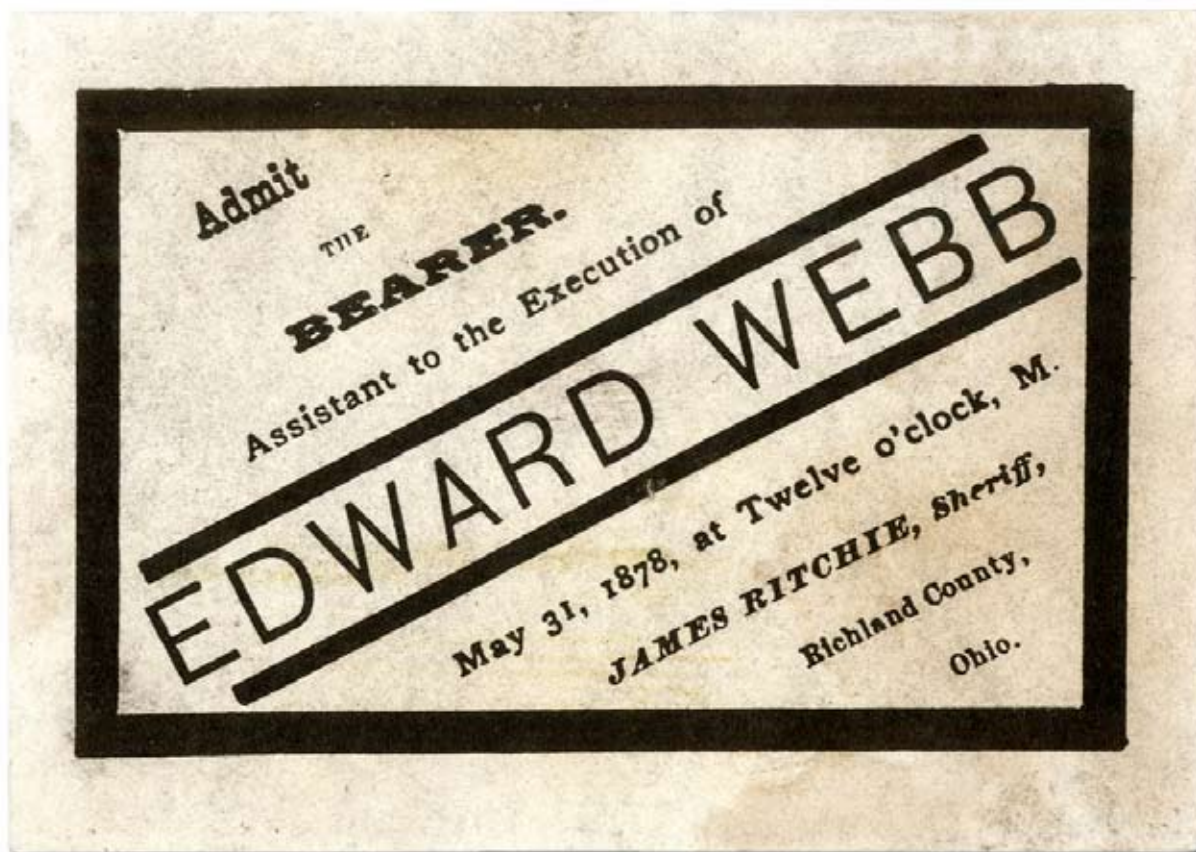
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(Edward Webb)

[Printed 1878 Ohio Ticket to the Hanging of a Black Man, caption title]: Admit the Bearer. Assistant to the Execution of Edward Webb. May 31, 1878, at Twelve o'clock, M. James Ritchie, Sheriff, Richland County, Ohio

[Mansfield], Ohio: James Ritchie, Sheriff 1878

\$850



Printed ticket. 3½" x 2½". Printed with black border on stiff card. A little soiling, still very near fine. Edward Webb, a black farmer and possibly a veteran of the Civil War, was convicted of the murder of William S. Finney, an elderly white farmer in 1878. Although he maintained his innocence throughout, he was convicted and hanged in Mansfield, Ohio, with crowds estimated between 10,000 - 15,000. Afterwards the public outcry against the gruesome display led to the end of public hangings in Mansfield. Uncommon. OCLC seems to locate no copies, although the Ohio Historical Association seems to hold an example of the ticket in much inferior condition; and a couple of others seem to have been auctioned in the past, all, as near as we can see, in inferior condition.

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