December 18, 1939

Dear Miss Rowley:

My attention has been called to the enclosed Currier & Ives Prints of the Death and Funeral of President Lincoln offered for sale by Mr. Curtis Page of Gilmanton, New Hampshire.

I think we have one or two of these pieces - unframed. I am not sure but we have them all. But if not, what do you think about acquiring them? We certainly should have the pieces eventually.

We will have to be looking around for an endowment.

There is no hurry about answering this - after the holidays will be just as well.

And as I think I have said before I hope the holidays are going to be happy for all of you.

Faithfully yours

Ida M. Tarbell

Miss Edith Rowley
Meadville, Pa.

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Offered by C. H. Page, Gilmanton, N.H.

RARE CURRIER AND IVES PRINTS OF THE DEATH AND FUNERAL OF PRESIDENT LINCOLN.

These prints have been in an old house here in Gilmanton ever since they were issued.

1. The Assassination of President Lincoln at Ford's Theatre, Washington, D.C. April 14th, 1865. Copyright by Currier and Ives, 1865. Published by Currier and Ives, 152 Nassau Street, New York.

Under the print are the names of the persons pictured: "Maj. Rathbone. Miss Harris. Mrs. Lincoln. President. Assassin."

Booth is firing a pistol with his right hand and has a dagger in his left hand.

In an old mahogany frame of the same period as the print.

This print is listed by Bland (CURRIER AND IVES; A MANUAL FOR COLLECTORS) as "value $25." It has sold at auction as high as $30. $15.00

2. Death of President Lincoln at Washington, D. C., April 15th, 1865. The Union's Martyr. Published by Currier and Ives, 152 Nassau Street; copyright 1865 by Currier and Ives.

Under the picture are the names of those present: "Mr. Chase. C.J. Attorney General. Secretary McCulloch. Vice President Johnson. Charles Sumner. Secretary Stanton. Secretary Wells. Robert Lincoln. Surgeon General. President Lincoln. Mrs. Lincoln and Tad. Miss Harris."

In an old mahogany frame of the same period as the print.

Listed by Bland as "value $25". $15.00

3. "The Funeral of President Lincoln, New York, April 15th, 1865, passing Union Square. The magnificent funeral car was drawn by sixteen grey horses richly caparisoned with ostrich plumes and cloth of black trimmed with silver bullion." Published by Currier and Ives, 152 Nassau Street, New York; copyright 1865.

In an old mahogany frame of the same period as the print.

Listed by Bland as "value $75". It sold at auction, November 13, 1928, at the Anderson Galleries, for $75. $37.50

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