

Broadsides & Posters

Location: A/Broadsides

A/Case 2/12 oversized

- 1812 June 22 Broadside: "War Declared!" announcing the U.S. declaration of war against Great Britain in June 1812. Dated "June 22, 1812" with "MIRROR-OFFICE" attribution. Assuming it to be the Connecticut Mirror. Lists the number of Congressional votes for and against war. Announces the authorization of naval force and Letters of Marque and Reprisal.
(Catalog# 1796.1) Oversized
- 1812 June 23 Broadside: At the Court at Carlton House the twenty-third of June 1812, by James Buller. Repealing British Orders in Council that were one of the causes of the War of 1812.
(Catalog# 1440.1) Oversized
- [1812] "The American Constitution Frigate's Engagement with the British Frigate Guerriere." Eight-stanza poem about USS CONSTITUTION'S victory over GUERRIERE, variation on "Yankee Doodle Dandy."
(Catalog# 904.1)
- [1812] "Constitution & Guerriere"
This broadside presents a ten-stanza poem relating the battle between the ships USS CONSTITUTION and HMS GUERRIERE. The broadside is decorated with a zig-zag border and two small ships.
(Catalog# 1566.1)
- [1812-1815] Broadside: "Free Trade and Sailors' Rights." Authored by David Woods. Three columns containing arguments against the impressment of American sailors and containing testimonials of impressed American sailors. Reference to Berlin Treaty (Monroe's Treaty of 1806).
(Catalog# 1810.1) Oversized
- 1814 July 23 Broadside: At the Court at Carlton House, the twenty-third day of July 1813. A Proclamation for recalling and prohibiting his majesty's natural-born subjects from serving in the sea or land forces of the United States of America.
(Catalog# 1749.1) Oversized
- [1814] "Huzza for the Constitution."
This broadside presents a six-stanza poem commemorating CONSTITUTION'S spring 1814 cruise. It is decorated with a woodcut of the ship under full sail.
(Catalog# 408.1a-b)
- 1869 February 1 "Contoocook Combination"
A broadside-style program of a concert given on board USS CONTOOCOOK.
(Catalog# 378.1)

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- 1880 Poster: "First Prayer in Congress...A Sacred Relic of Olden Times." Reprint of a prayer offered in the Continental Congress in December 1777
(Catalog# 476.1) Oversized
- 1925 September 4 Poster: "U.S. Navy Save "Old Ironsides" The Navy Spirit Has Never Changed" Includes image of USS CONSTITUTION by Charles Patterson and stanzas of Oliver Wendell Holmes' poem.
(Catalog# 1157.1) Oversized and framed: Location: CS/VIII B3
- [1925-1931] Poster: Save Old Ironsides. Outing and Field Day of the Boston Navy Yard Employees. Announces excursion for navy Yard workers to Lake Pearl Park, Wrentham on a train with various entertainments; admission 50 cents; proceeds to "Save the Constitution Fund."
(Catalog# 594.1)
- [1926-1928] Poster of available souvenirs to be ordered from "Old Ironsides, Boston Navy Yard, Boston, Massachusetts" to raise money for restoration. Probably dates from 1926-1928.
(Catalog# 1830.6)
- [1927-1928] Broadside: "Announcing Souvenirs of 'Old Ironsides.'" The poster lists and shows a variety of souvenirs made from material that came of the ship during the 1920's restoration. Proceeds went to the fund to preserve "Old Ironsides" as a Naval Relic. 1927/1928.
(Catalog# 2081.1)
- [1927-1931] Broadside: An S.O.S. from "Old Ironsides;" Image of Gordon Grant painting on the front with letters from the Secretary of the Navy Curtis Wilbur; on the back: "Save Old Ironsides the Ship That Was A Navy" with letters from Philip Andrews and pictures of the decaying ship.
(Catalog# 1054.7)
- [1931] Poster: "U.S. Navy, U.S. Frigate Constitution. Launched 1797-Rebuilt at Boston Navy Yard 1927-31. Donors of Materials Used in the Restoration of Old Ironsides." Lists 43 donors of materials including the towns/cities of donors and type of materials given.
(Catalog# 441.1) Oversized
- [1931] Poster: "If Touring the East Coast this Summer Be Sure To Visit Old Ironsides. The U.S. Frigate Constitution is making her first cruise since rebuilding. See Newspapers for dates and ports to be visited"
(Catalog# 1165.1) Oversized

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- 1933 October 26 Broadside: "Petition For The Permanent Preservation of the United States Frigate Constitution." Call for federal spending on USS *Constitution's* preservation by the Oakland District of California Council of Dads Club.
(Catalog# 428.1) Oversized
- 1934 May 7 Poster: USS CONSTITUTION being welcomed home to Boston by the locals at the conclusion of the National Cruise. The ship is decorated with signal flags; hundreds of people on the pier: military personnel and civilians. Text above the image "Greeting to Boston's Own." Text below the image "Cheer upon cheer arose over Charlestown with the return of the U.S. Frigate Constitution, affectionately known by patriotic citizens as 'Old Ironsides.' Scene shows part of the 50,000 persons who gathered at the navy yard in Charlestown to welcome the veteran vessel home." (Catalog# 1880.1) Oversized
- 1947 October 21 Poster: Black and white map of the United States detailing USS CONSTITUTION'S 1931-34 cruise route. Also includes rigging and deck plans, historical sketch and summary of USS CONSTITUTION'S battles. Produced by Charlestown Five Cents Savings Bank.
(Catalog# 1302.3) Oversized
- 1947 October 21 Same as Catalog# 1302.3.
(Catalog# 1344.1) Oversized
- 1962 August 19 Proclamation: Massachusetts Governor John Volpe proclaims August 19, 1962 USS Constitution Day in Massachusetts, marking 150th anniversary of USS *Constitution's* defeat of HMS *Guerriere*.
(Catalog# 517.1) Oversized
- 1972 December 17 Proclamation: Massachusetts Governor Francis W. Sargent proclaims December 17, 1972 as USS Constitution Day in Massachusetts commemorating the 175th anniversary of her launch; signed by Governor Sargent and John F X Davoren, Secretary of the Commonwealth.
(Catalog# 518.1) Oversized
- 1987 July 9 Proclamation declaring July 9, 1987, to be "Samuel Eliot Morison Day" in Boston; signed by Mayor Raymond L. Flynn.
(Catalog# 1018.1)
- 1997 March 22 Poster: " Pipe Organ Pops Proudly Presents: Old Ironsides"
A computer printed poster for a showing of the 1927 film "Old Ironsides"
(Catalog# 1563.1)