



Etched trade card.

TRADE CARD INCLUDING A PORTRAIT OF A WELL-KNOWN BEGGAR

Old Simon. J Seago, Print-Seller

Author

SEAGO, John

Publication date

[from 1777].

Publisher

High Street St. Giles's near Tottenham Court Road,

Publication place

London,

Physical description

Etched trade card.

Dimensions

80 by 125mm (3.25 by 5 inches).

Notes

First state of two known. Heal writes that "Old Simon" is "Simon Edy or 'Old Simon' b1709-d1783 was a well known beggar who generally took up his position against one of the gate piers of St. Giles' Churchyard. For full description see Clinch's 'Bloomsbury and St. Giles's: past and present' p.35"

John Seago (1777-1809) specialised in selling maps, plans and prints of machines, sports, and monuments. In BM 1852,0214.313, Seago appears as one of a group of twenty-two London printsellers in 1784.

Bibliography

BM Heal 100.68

Provenance

Price: £750

Inventory reference: 17812