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### Unit Date

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### Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

### Abstract

Broadside providing instructions for a leaf tobacco-curing process, patented by John W. Barnett of Big Spring (Montgomery County), Virginia, in 1879.

### Creator

Barnett, John W.

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# Biographical / Historical

John W. Barnett, patent holder for this tobacco-curing process, seem likely to have been John William Barnett, born in Virginia on February 8, 1850. On February 28, 1877, he married Willie Jane Northcross (1859-1936) in Montgomery County, Virginia. In 1881, newspapers reported that John W. Barnett of Big Spring shot and mortally wounded his father-in-law, Frederick Thomas Merrit Northcross, during an argument in Montgomery County. Barnett was found guilty of manslaughter and fined \$500. John W. Barnett died November 30, 1903, and was buried in James Barnett Cemetery, Montgomery County.

# Scope and Contents

This collection consists of a single broadside entitled "Instructions for Using John W. Barnett's Patent Process for Curing Leaf Tobacco." The broadside identifies Barnett as a resident of Big Spring (Montgomery County, Virginia) and notes that the process had been patented on January 7, 1879.

# Keywords

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South  
Montgomery County (Va.)  
Science and Technology  
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# General

This item had been originally cataloged as the John W. Barnett Patent, but a closer inspection during processing revealed that the piece is not a patent but instead is a broadside providing instructions on using a patented process. The John W. Barnett Broadside was determined to be a more appropriate title.

# Description of Subordinate Components

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