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Liberty, the fair maid of Kansas--in the hands of "Border Ruffians."

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Main Author: [Magee, John L.](#)

Title: Liberty, the fair maid of Kansas--in the hands of "Border Ruffians." [graphic].

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Imprint: [Philadelphia?, 1856]

Description: 1 print : lithograph, b&w ; image and text 22 x 37 cm., on sheet 30 x 42 cm.

Notes: Subject: Political cartoon attributing violence in Kansas to the policies of the Democratic administration and its allies. At left, Secretary of State William L. Marcy and presidential candidate James Buchanan kneel over the body of a man; Buchanan holds up the man's pocket watch and says, "T'was your's once but its mine now, 'might makes right', dont it." At center, President Franklin Pierce and Senator Lewis Cass, both wearing knives, pistols, tomahawks, and scalps in their belts, menace Liberty in the form of a kneeling woman. Pierce, who holds a flask in his hand and leans on a rifle, says, "You may bet yer life on that, ole Puddinhead. Come sis-sy, you go along wid me, I'le take good care of you (hic), over the left." Liberty pleads, "O spare me gentlemen, spare me!!" Cass, licking his chops and resting both hands on the barrel of his rifle, says, "Poor little dear, we wouldn't hurt her for the world, would we Frank? ha!ha!ha!" At right, Senator Stephen Douglas kneels on the chest of a farmer whose hand still holds a scythe. Douglas presses a knife to the man's head and holds up his scalp, cheering, "Hurrah for our side! Victory! Victory! 'We will subdue them yet'" At far left, a woman settler, driven insane by violence, mistakes a border ruffian for her husband and says, "Come husband let us go to heaven where our poor children are" as the other ruffians laugh at her. In the background, other violence and pillage against men, women, and children go on.

Attributed to John L. Magee, who worked at Philadelphia in 1856, by Bernard F. Reilly, Jr. See Reilly, B.F. Jr., American political prints 1766-1876, 1991, p. 397-398.

References: Weitenkampf, p. 115

- Subject(s): [Marcy, William L. \(William Learned\), 1786-1857 Caricatures and cartoons.](#)
- [Buchanan, James, 1791-1868 Caricatures and cartoons.](#)
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