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STEEPLE ASTON, OXON.
VALUABLE
FREEHOLD PROPERTY
STONE-BUILT SLATED DWELLING HOUSE
WITH A LARGE
Piece of Garden & Orchard Ground,
containing 2a. 2r. 37p.,
AND
TWO STONE-BUILT COTTAGES,
Situate on Pagan's Hill, in the above most highly respectable and healthy Village.
JONAS PAXTON & GEO. CASTLE
At the Red Lion Inn, Steeple Aston, on Monday, April 15th 1870, at 3 for 1 o'clock in the Afternoon,
By Auctioneers of the Property under the sale of the late Mr. J. Kelly, deceased, and subject to such conditions as may be printed and sold.
Lot 1. A modern Stone-built & Slated Freehold DWELLING HOUSE,
very pleasantly situated on Pagan's Hill, in the village of Steeple Aston, and containing 2 Front Rooms, 4 Bedrooms, Bath, Kitchen, Parlor and Cellar, together with a Coal House, Piggery, Washhouse, and an excellent Piece of productive Garden Ground as now situated and set out, the whole being in extent 3r. 7p. and occupied by Mr. Wm. Leonard. There is a never failing well of water on the premises.
Lot 2. The very valuable Piece of Highly Productive Garden Ground
with several choice Fruit Trees (including Apples, Pears, &c.) and situated upon the same Estate, containing by recent measurement 3a. 3r. 20p. and occupied by Mr. Wm. Leonard. This lot presents an eligible site for Building purposes, the situation being high and commanding very pretty and extensive views.
Lots 1 and 2 are let at yearly rent of £31 16s. 6d. per annum. They will be first offered in one lot, but if no satisfactory bidding be made, they will be withdrawn and offered as above, in which case Lot 1 will be sold subject to a right of way to Lot 2.
Lot 3. Two Stone-built and Slated Cottages, with Halls, Piggeries, and Piece of
Garden for sale, situate on Pagan's Hill, and adjoining Lot 1, occupied by Thomas Green and William Brown, at rent producing £12 10s. per annum.
The property being in a pretty good state of repair, and is a most eligible site for Building purposes, and may be let at 10s. per annum, all the houses being under the same roof.
By order, agents to the respective parties, and for any additional particulars application may be made to Mr. George Kelly, Solicitor, or to the Auctioneers, at Steeple Aston, and at other offices a plan of the property may be seen.
J. PAXTON & G. CASTLE, Auctioneers.

HARROW, MIDDLESEX.
Twenty - Seven Lots
OF VERY VALUABLE
FREEHOLD BUILDING LAND.
Within One minute's walk of the Harrow Station, on the London & North Western Railway.
MESRS.
JONAS PAXTON & GEO. CASTLE
WILL SELL BY AUCTION,
At the New Auction Mart, Tokenhouse Yard, London,
On Monday, May 30, 1870, at 1 for 2 o'clock precisely,
Twenty-Seven Lots of Exceedingly Desirable
BUILDING LAND,
Situate about 300 Yards from the Harrow Station, adjoining the Public Road leading to Watford.
The Lots present Road Frontages of 60 Feet and upwards, and are, with one or two exceptions, 180 Feet in depth. The locality is highly respectable, with a rapidly increasing population, and the distance from Harrow Station to Kington being only 11 miles. Houses in this district will ever command a choice of Tenants.
Particulars, with Plans and Conditions of Sale, may be had at the Auction Mart, of Messrs. T. and G. MALLAM, Solicitors, Oxford, or of the Auctioneers, Messrs. Paxton & Castle, Harrow.
ENTER ON AN ESTATE AT ONCE.

THE VICTORIAN AUCTION BILL POSTERS OF JONAS PAXTON,

newly mounted and framed,

each of the advertisements printed on paper, advertising the location and prime lots at an upcoming auction,

DIMENSIONS: 84cm (33") High, 56.5cm (22^{1/4}") Wide

PRICE: £195 each

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HISTORY

LASSCO has just acquired a number of these bill posters, centering around the sphere of Oxfordshire in which Jonas Paxton operated throughout the Victorian era. Paxton seems to have been prolific in the disposal of property, land, stock-in-trade and livestock. Some sales featured in this collection of posters are house clearances - the entire personal possessions of a deceased. Others are farm sales or entire businesses. As such these posters, often forced sales, and often listing all lots are poignant historical documents of the time.

Jonas Paxton (d.1886) was born in Potsgrove, Bedfordshire, and began working as an auctioneer in Bicester in 1838 - his first sale appearing in Jackson's Oxford Journal on 17 November that year. He later went into partnership with other auctioneers including his son, Thomas. The firm was known as Messrs. Jonas Paxton, Son, and Castle, and then Messrs. Paxton, Son, and Holiday. He retired in 1883. A supporter of the Bicester Agricultural and Horticultural Society, and of the Oxfordshire Agricultural Association, Paxton was prominent in securing a railway line between Bletchley, Bicester, and Oxford.

Auctions were invariably held at the premises and any printed catalogues were made available via chosen Inns of the locality. LASSCO's own premises The Three Pigeons at Milton Common was one of the Inns that Paxton used for promoting his sales.

The printer Thomas William Pankhurst was originally from London. He moved to Bicester,

Oxfordshire in around 1870 to join the printers E. Smith and Co. By 1886 the company was named Smith and Pankhurst, with Pankhurst living above the premises. The company was responsible for the re-launch of the Bicester Advertiser in 1879, and the publishing of the Bicester Almanac and Directory. All of the posters are printed by Pankhurst/Smith print works.