

S3466

The Victim of Seduction. . . . The Life and Untimely
Fate of Miss Harriet Wilson [tp. vignette a woman].
Boston, Wilkey, [1802?]. 12 pp.

(MWA has another ed. with a coffin as a tp. vignette.)
MWA copy.

THE VICTIM OF SEDUCTION!
SOME INTERESTING PARTICULARS
OF THE
LIFE AND UNTIMELY FATE
OF

Miss Harriot Wilson,

Who was publicly executed in the State of Pennsylvania in the year 1802, for the Murder of her Infant Child.

—ANNEXED—

Is an account of her Penitence and becoming behaviour while under the awful sentence of Death.

"THERE IS NO KING TRUE BUT HEAVEN!"



BOSTON—Printed for J. WILKEY—Price 6 cents

1702

LIFE OF THE

HARRIOT WILSON, &c.

THE retribution of virtue and vice does not always follow on this side of eternity. If the wise dispensations of omniscient Providence exceed the comprehension of human weakness, let us not impiously arraign the regulations of that Being, whose ways are as just as they are inscrutable. While we suffer from these misfortunes, to which our own imprudence, or the vicissitudes of unstable mortality subject us, let us humble ourselves to Him before whom the evanescent shadows of beauty, grandeur and power are equal, and acknowledge the truth of these assertions, while we peruse the following:

HARRIOT WILSON was born in 1784, in the town of Lebanon, Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, of creditable parents. She was early educated with the

utmost tenderness, and every possible care was taken to impress on her mind sentiments of virtue and religion. She was of a sprightly and affable disposition, polite in manners and engaging in conversation—in a word, she in early age exceeded most of her sex in many of those accomplishments, which are calculated to grace and dignify the female mind.

At the age of eighteen, Miss Wilson unfortunately became acquainted with a young man by the name of Smith, a native of Philadelphia, who, although there was nothing very attractive in his person, succeeded in ingratiating himself into the affections of this innocent and unsuspecting young lady. Her parents, aware of the impropriety of their daughter's forming too hastily an attachment for one who was yet to them a stranger, gave her that advice which had it been strictly adhered to, would have preserved her innocent, and prevented the commission of a crime, which brought their grey hairs in sorrow to the grave, and their daughter to a shameful death.

Not until the credulous and unsuspecting Harriet had surrendered to her vile seducer (by the repeated and solemn promises of marriage) all that could render her respectable in the eyes of the world was it discovered that the vile author of her ruin was already a married man! and that his protestations of love and promises of marriage were without a shadow of sincerity—a wicked device made use of only to enable him to effect the ruin of an innocent girl.

This poor deluded female now too late saw her

