Tom Otter part 2 – what happened to the Gibbet
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1. No woman was gibbeted between 1752 and 1834, the period of the Murder Act; female bodies were in demand for dissection.
3. The Last Dying Speech and Confession of Thomas Temperly, published by M. Angus & Son, Newcastle, Lincolnshire Archives, LCL/Broadsheet/626.
5. Edwin Jarvis’s unpublished commonplace notebook, Doddington Hall.
6. Jarvis, Ibid.
7. National Archives, E 197/34. Sheriff’s Cravings were an annual claim for expenses accumulated during a term of office. William Reeve was the Sheriff of the County at the time of Otter’s execution.
8. Jarvis, Ibid.
13! The nutcrackers held at the Museum of Lincolnshire Life most likely were manufactured from the iron taken by the gypsies of Sutterby, or perhaps even from the iron sheets used to strengthen the gibbet post.