

Learn more about the Barnard Panther

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Vermont Phoenix (Brattleboro, VT), December 23, 1881

—The panther shot in Barnard on Thanksgiving day has been stuffed and will be exhibited through the State. P. T. Barnum thinks it the largest panther ever seen or captured in the United States. He says that the animal is doubtless native to Vermont, and that it is unlike any other species of wild beast found in the United States. The town of Barnard is desirous of securing the panther for presentation to the State cabinet, and has offered the present owner \$1000 for the animal. Mr. C. R. Safford, who purchased the panther for \$50 of Farmer Crowell, who shot it, has received a standing offer of \$1500 from parties in Buffalo for the beast.

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The Manchester Journal, December 29, 1881

The father of the boy who first saw the panther that was killed at Barnard Thanksgiving day, and followed it to the end, has sued the man who shot it for part of the profits.

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