

DO YOU KNOW WHO JIMMY SHAW WAS?

- **Mr. Shaw was a famed Rat Pit proprietor in the "Rat Fink Days of Merrie Olde England" that fancied Manchester's of both Varieties! In the 1840's the Sport was in it's hey-day. It was Jimmy Shaw that gets the credit with the invention of the "no touch" rule which means that neither the dog nor the rats were touched or removed from the ring until the match was completed. Below is a brief commentary on the famed "Tiny" (by Old Dick x Old Nell) the 5 1/2 pounds of black and tan fury! This extraordinary Black and Tan has won 50 interesting events, including the following matches: 2 matches of 6 rats when he weighed 4 1/2 pounds, 20 matches of 12 rats at 5 pounds of weight, 15 matches of 20 rats at 5 pound weight, 1 match of 50 rats and 1 match of 100 rats in 34 minutes 40 seconds on Tuesday, March 30, 1847. Tiny beat Summertown bitch "Crack" of 8 pounds, 12 Rats each, September 14th. Beat the dog "Twig" at 6 1/2 pounds on November 7th. On Tuesday, March 28, 1848, he was matched to kill 300 rats in 3 hours. He accomplished the unprecedented test in 54 minutes 50 seconds, which took place in the presence of a crowded audience at the Blue Anchor, Bonhill Row, St. Lukes. May 2, killed 20 rats in 8 minutes; May 23 won a match of 50 rats against Mr. Batty's bitch "Fun," 8 pounds. August 15, won a match against "Jim," 50 rats; September 5 won a match of 12 rats, 2 minutes 30 seconds. (Just a few more, then you'll have the complete record! JoAnn) November 4 won a match of 100 rats, 30 minutes 5 seconds; January 31, 1849, won a match of 100 rats, 20 minutes 5 seconds; March 27 killed 200 rats 59 minutes 58 seconds. The above extraordinary feats were accomplished without either taking dogs or rats out of the pit.**