Finding aid for the 19th century photographs collection 0127

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Title: 19th century photographs collection
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Physical Description: 1.58 Linear Feet 2 boxes
Date (inclusive): circa 1860s-1870s
Abstract: Tintype, ambrotype, daguerreotype, cartes-de-visite, and cabinet card portrait photographs of the Civil War period (soldiers and civilians).
Scope and Content
The collection consists of 49 tintypes, 10 ambrotypes, 1 daguerreotype, 24 cartes-de-visites, 1 photograph album of cartes-de-visite, and 1 cabinet card, created during the 1860s and 1870s and depicting portraits of Civil War soldiers and civilians, family portraits, landscapes, and an animal. The identified photographers include C.V. Tarbox; M.G. Trank, Bangor, ME; A.H. Dresser, Bucksport, MA; J.P. Merrill, Bangor, ME; Mather; Titusville, PA; J.P. and F.W. Hardy, Bangor, ME; Bogardus, New York, NY; D.C. Dinsmore, Dover, ME; Miller & Rowell, Boston, MA; Bowdoin, Taylor & Co., Alexandria, VA; J.R. Foster, Great Falls, NH; Davis & Co., Boston, MA; H.L. Kilgore, Belfast, ME; W. Chase, Halifax, Nova Scotia; J.L. Lovell, Amherst, MA; Lovell & Knowlton, Northampton, MA; S.W. Sawyer, Bangor, ME; Holmes’ Park Gallery, New York, NY. Most of the tintypes and ambrotypes are housed in ornately embossed book-case frames.
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Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Martin B. Retting, 1983.
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Ambrotypes (photographs)
Cabinet photographs
Cartes-de-visite (card photographs)
Cased photographs
Daguerreotypes (photographs)
Portraits -- United States -- 19th century -- Photographs
Tintypes (prints)
Soldiers -- United States -- 19th century -- Photographs

Tintypes 435670

Box 1, Item 1-14  Civil War soldiers 435666 1860s

Scope and Content
With the exception of items 1 and 2, all tintypes are mounted in embossed book-style frames.
Box 1, Item 21-46, 79-80

**Men, women and children 435674 circa 1860s-1870s**

**Scope and Content**
Items 21-25 are 5 tintypes mounted on embossed cards with domed pediments. Items 26-29 are 4 tintypes (1 woman, 3 men), oval, mounted on embossed mats. Items 30-39 are 10 tintypes of men and women, miniature in size, mounted on embossed mats. Item 40 depicts a mother and child and is mounted on an embossed card with a domed pediment. Item 41 is a miniature tintype framed with a small gilt border and mounted on an embossed card. Item 42 is unmounted. Item 43 depicts a dog. Items 44-46 are housed in embossed book frames.

Box 2, Item 81

**Four family tintypes in one hinged case 1865**

**Scope and Contents**
Four family tintypes, in two-piece bookform case of guttapercha, containing motifs of three children at play between two trees; with scroll and leaf border; four photos on interior; encased in stamped gilt metal foil of oval and cartouche shapes.

Box 2, Item 82

**Young man - hinged oval case circa 1860s**

Box 2, Item 83

**Young boy - hinged oval case circa 1860s**

Box 2, Item 85

**Two men in low-crowned bowler hats and long coats circa 1860s**

Box 2, Item 86

**Seated Civil War soldier circa 1860s**

**Scope and Contents**
The tintype is fitted into a guttapercha case depicting a sailing vessel adjacent to a fort flying the American flag - possibly Fort Sumter.

Box 2, Item 87

**Seated military figure wearing cape and holding hat circa 1860s**

**Scope and Contents**
Tintype housed in guttapercha bookform case depicting a standing military figure leaning on sword.

**Ambrotypes 435671**

Box 1, Item 15-20

**Civil War soldiers 435668 1860s**

**Scope and Content**
Ambrotypes housed in embossed, book frames.

Box 1, Item 47-50

**Men and women 435680 1860s-1870s**

**Scope and Content**
Ambrotypes housed in embossed, book frames.

**Daguerreotypes**

Box 2, Item 84

**Seated young man - upper-right corner of frame chipped circa 1860s**

**Cartes de visite 435672**

Box 1, Item 51-68, 77-78

**Men and women 435696 1860s-1870s**

**Scope and Content**
Items 54-63 depict men and women full figure or head and shoulders. Items 64-70 are busts only.

Box 1, Item 69

**Landscape with waterfall 435697**

Box 1, Item 70

**Group of people in front of house [in Nova Scotia?] 435698**

Box 1, Item 71

**Abraham Lincoln and family 435699**

Box 1, Item 72

**George Washington 435700**
Box 1, Item 74  Photograph album 435704
Scope and Content
Photograph album of mounted cartes-de-visite depicting Civil War soldiers, Civil War political figures, men and women. Many of the sitters are identified; many of the photographs have notations of location.

Cabinet cards 435673

Box 1, Item 73  Unidentified woman 435701

Box 1, Item 75-76

Frames 435709
Scope and Content
2 embossed book case frames, no photographs.