

# Basic Detail Report



**Title Unknown Man, possibly John Allen or another Member of the  
Allen Family**

Date about 1855

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Photography; daguerreotype on silver-coated copper plate under glass  
with brass mat in paper-covered wooden case with embossed purple velvet pad

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Description Bust-length portrait of a man with short dark hair wearing a high collared shirt. The mat is oval with a border of grape vines. The dark purple velvet pad has what appear to be peacocks in the right and left borders surrounded by scrollwork. The upper cover of the case has a floral design in a cartouche within a scrollwork border. The lower cover has an interlaced border.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (image height x width):  $2 \frac{5}{8} \times 2 \frac{3}{16}$ in. (6.7 x 5.6cm) Plate (height x width):  $3 \frac{3}{16} \times 2 \frac{5}{8}$ in. (8.1 x 6.7cm) Other (height x width x depth):  $3 \frac{5}{8} \times 3 \frac{1}{16} \times \frac{9}{16}$ in. (9.2 x 7.8 x 1.4cm)