

Basic Detail Report

Title Fanny Gaylord Bissell

Date 1845-1855

Primary Maker Fanny Gaylord Bissell

Medium Daguerreotype; silver-plated copper plate in brass mat package in leather-covered wooden case; blue velvet pad in left side of open case

Description Sixth plate daguerreotype of Fanny Gaylord Bissell of Torrington, Connecticut. Taken in middle age, Fanny Bissell is wearing a dress with narrow sleeves, a pointed bodice, and a shallow v neck. Her collar and cuffs are white. A ribbon, possibly of velvet, is tied around her neck and fastened with a small brooch. Her hair, which is mostly covered with a white daycap, is parted in the middle and fashioned into ringlets that hang down over her ears. In her left hand, she is holding a chain of some sort (possibly a watch chain, or the strap of a handbag). Her right arm is resting on a table on which two books are visible.

Dimensions Plate (height x width): $3 \frac{1}{4} \times 2 \frac{3}{4}$ in. (8.3 × 7cm) Other (case height x width x depth): $3 \frac{3}{4} \times 3 \frac{1}{4} \times 1 \frac{1}{2}$ in. (9.5 × 8.3 × 1.3cm)