

Basic Detail Report

Title Lucy A. Brainard

Date 1849-1853

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Daguerreotype; silver-coated copper plate in brass window mat

package in tooled leather-covered wooden case; red velvet pad with

handwritten paper label with "Lucy A. Brainard" on it in left side of open case

Description Sixth plate daguerreotype of Lucy Abigail Brainard, probably made

when Lucy was in her late teens or very early twenties. She is facing the camera

straight on, her left hand resting on a small side table and her hands folded in

her lap. Her paisley-patterned dress features a bodice with fan pleats that

appear to be lined with piping, although it is difficult to tell. The sleeves of the

dress have short oversleeves that puff out before being gathered at the cuffs,

which sit at mid-upper arm. The long sleeves are narrow and cuffed at the

wrists. The small, white lace collar is fastened at the neck with a brooch. She is

wearing what may be a watch around her neck on a long, dark cord. Lucy's hair

is worn parted in the middle and fashioned into wings over her ears, the lobes of

which are just visible.

Dimensions Plate (height x width): 3 1/4 × 2 3/4in. (8.3 × 7cm) Other (height x

width x depth): 3 3/4 × 3 1/8 × 1/2in. (9.5 × 7.9 × 1.3cm)