

Basic Detail Report

Title Man in Independent Order of Odd Fellows regalia

Date 1840-1850

Primary Maker O. Hotchkiss

Medium Daguerreotype; silver-coated copper plate in brass window mat package (missing mat preserver) under glass in tooled leather-covered wooden case; purple velvet pad in left side of open case

Description Daguerreotype of a man of perhaps age 30 wearing an Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF) apron and sash. The phrase "Amicitia amor et veritas" is printed on the apron, although it appears as if it was printed backwards (it was not; daguerreotypes are typically laterally reversed). The details on the sash and apron have been etched onto the plate for maximum shine. The sitter is possibly a man named O. Hotchkiss. A letter was enclosed with the daguerreotype from Hotchkiss in West Urbana, IL to his brother and sister in Meriden, CT. In the letter, Hotchkiss stated that he included a picture, but did not describe it. There is no other identifying information on or in the image or the case package.

Dimensions Plate (height x width): 4 1/4 × 3 3/4in. (10.8 × 9.5cm) Other (case height x width x depth): 4 3/4 × 4 1/4 × 3/4in. (12.1 × 10.8 × 1.9cm)