

Basic Detail Report

Title Daniel C. Spencer, Yankee peddler

Date 1840-1855

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Daguerreotype; silver-coated copper plate in brass window mat package in tooled leather-covered wooden case; embossed, faded red velvet pad in left/top of open case

Description Sixth-plate daguerreotype of Daniel Chapman Spencer sitting in the driver's seat of a wagon outfitted with drawers and compartments for holding a Yankee peddler/traveling salesman's goods. A team of two horses is hitched to the wagon. A small dog is standing on the ground next to one of the front wheels. Spencer is wearing a stovepipe hat, and his jacket sports wide lapels. He is wearing the customary white shirt with upturned collar and dark tie. He has a beard, but no moustache. In the background, there is a house on the left and what may be a workshop on the right. A man is standing outside the workshop, in front of which sit barrels of various sizes.

Dimensions Plate (height x width): 2 3/4 × 3 1/4in. (7 × 8.3cm) Other (case height x width x depth): 3 1/4 × 3 3/4 × 1/2in. (8.3 × 9.5 × 1.3cm)