

Basic Detail Report

Title Unknown Man and Woman

Date about 1850

Primary Maker Augustus Washington

Medium Photography; daguerreotype on silvered copper plate in leather case

with gilt mat and embossed red velvet pad

Description Portrait of a young man and woman, seated and holding hands. His

other hand is on her shoulder. She holds a book in her free hand. The recto of

the leather-covered case is embossed with a cluster of leaves and nuts,

surrounded by a cartouche, with a border of leaves and flowers, and a thin gold

chain. The verso is blind-stamped in an oval: "WASHINGTON / 136 / GALLERY /

MAIN ST. / HARTFORD". Surrounding the oval are a wreath, apparently of laurel

and oak leaves, and scrollwork, in a rectangle. A border of stylized leaves

surrounds the rectangle. The red velvet pad is embossed with an urn,

surrounded by scrollwork. The nonpareil brass mat is undecorated.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (estimated plate height x width): 4 1/4 x 2 1/4in.

(10.8 x 5.7cm)