

# Basic Detail Report

**Title Hartford Circus Fire: Clown with Bucket**

Date July 6, 1944

Primary Maker Ralph L. Emerson

Medium Photography; gelatin silver print on paper

Description A man dressed in a clown costume with baggy pants, floppy shoes, a shirt, necktie, and hat, and wearing a clown's makeup, carries a bucket in his right hand and shields his eyes with his left hand. This is Emmett Kelly, Sr., perhaps America's most famous circus clown. A second man with a bucket is behind him. A third man stands looking at bleachers and smoke in the left background. Wooden crates and a trailer are in the right background.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (image height x width): 6 15/16 x 7 5/8in. (17.6 x 19.4cm) Sheet (height x width): 10 x 8 3/16in. (25.4 x 20.8cm)