

Basic Detail Report

Title Unidentified Woman

Date 1851-1854

Primary Maker Augustus Washington

Medium Photography; Daguerreotype, chinese white, and water color on silver-coated copper plate under glass in paper-covered wooden case

Description Half-length studio portrait of an elderly woman wearing eyeglasses, a white cap, and a dark dress and shawl. She is seated with her arm resting on an armrest. Portrait is surrounded by a nonpareil metal mat and faces a plain red silk pad. Case has a design featuring a bouquet of flowers, including a rose, in a cartouche, with a scrollwork border on both front and back.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (image height x width): 2 1/2 x 1 3/4in. (6.4 x 4.4 cm) Plate (height x width): 3 1/4 x 2 1/2in. (8.3 x 6.4cm) Other (case height x width x depth): 3 3/4 x 3 1/4 x 5/8in. (9.5 x 8.3 x 1.6cm)