

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): $2 \frac{3}{4} \times 3 \frac{1}{4}$ in. (7×8.3 cm) Other (case height x width x depth): $3 \frac{1}{4} \times 3 \frac{3}{4} \times 1 \frac{1}{2}$ in. ($8.3 \times 9.5 \times 1.3$ cm)