

Basic Detail Report



Title Man in Independent Order of Odd Fellows regalia

Date 1840-1850

Primary Maker O. Hotchkiss

Medium Daguerreotype; silver-coated copper plate in brass window mat

package (missing mat preserver) under glass in tooled leather-covered wooden case; purple velvet pad in left side of open case

Description Daguerreotype of a man of perhaps age 30 wearing an Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF) apron and sash. The phrase "Amicitia amor et

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veritas" is printed on the apron, although it appears as if it was printed

backwards (it was not; daguerreotypes are typically laterally reversed). The

details on the sash and apron have been etched onto the plate for maximum

shine. The sitter is possibly a man named O. Hotchkiss. A letter was enclosed

with the daguerreotype from Hotchkiss in West Urbana, IL to his brother and

sister in Meriden, CT. In the letter, Hotchkiss stated that he included a picture,

but did not describe it. There is no other identifying information on or in the

image or the case package.

Dimensions Plate (height x width): $4 \frac{1}{4} \times 3 \frac{3}{4}$ in. (10.8×9.5 cm) Other (case

height x width x depth): $4 \frac{3}{4} \times 4 \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{3}{4}$ in. ($12.1 \times 10.8 \times 1.9$ cm)