

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.

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

(10.8 x 5.7cm)