

Basic Detail Report



Title Civil War Cartes-de-Visite

Date 1861-1870

Primary Maker Beers & Mansfield

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Medium Photography; albumen prints on paper on cartes-de-visite mounts and tintypes on lacquered iron. All on cardboard album pages covered with paper

with lithographed designs in colored inks, bound together in an album with leather-covered boards with metal clasps, cloth spine, and printed endpapers.

Description Album containing 88 small studio portrait photographs, mostly of Civil War soldiers. Soldiers include William Seymour Cooper, Hiram D. Gaylord, Charles A. Reynolds, Edward E. Rowe, Francis Sheldon, and George Waterhouse.

Most are wearing military uniforms and are posed in front of painted studio backdrops. Other portraits include John Wilkes Booth, Ambrose Burnside, William A. Buckingham, Andrew Johnson, and Abraham Lincoln. Most portraits are juxtaposed with photographic reproductions of prints and drawings of women, including allegorical, mythological, and historical figures. Two women are shown playing the harp. One is portrayed as a sculptor and one as a painter. One appears to be the Virgin Mary.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (image height x width): 3 3/16 x 1 15/16in. (8.1 x 4.9cm) or smaller Sheet (height x width): 5 5/8 x 8 3/8in. (14.3 x 21.3cm) Other (album height x width x depth): 6 x 8 3/4 x 2 1/2in. (15.2 x 22.2 x 6.4cm)