

Basic Detail Report



Title Mary E. Betts Corlies and her son, Henry Corlies

Date about 1855

Primary Maker Mary E. Betts

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

package in tooled leather-covered wooden half case

Description Sixth plate daguerreotype portrait of Mary Betts Corlies, seated, and her young son, Henry H. Corlies, standing next to her. The photographer is unknown. Mary is wearing a dress trimmed with buttons down the front of the

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bodice. The long sleeves are generous and are wide at the wrists, the lace

undersleeve visible beneath. Her white lace collar is fastened at the throat with a

brooch. Her hair is worn parted in the middle and pulled back into low wings or

puffs above her ears. She is holding Henry's right hand in her right hand, and her

left arm is around his shoulders. Henry is about two years old. He is wearing a

short-sleeved plaid dress that is hand-tinted red. His white collar is rounded. His

hair is curly, and worn in a style that shows off three sausage curls atop his head.

Dimensions Plate (height x width): $3 \frac{1}{4} \times 2 \frac{3}{4}$ in. (8.3×7 cm) Lower Case

(height x width x depth): $3 \frac{3}{4} \times 3 \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{3}{8}$ in. ($9.5 \times 8.3 \times 1$ cm)