

Basic Detail Report



Phoebe Ann and Eliza Jane Vanderveer

Medium

Daguerreotype

Description

Twin sisters pose, seated, side by side. Both women appear to be around fifty years old and wear virtually identical day gowns of printed lightweight cotton, with gathered bodices, full sleeves gathered into cuffs at wrists, and self fabric waistbands. Both sisters wear identical wide lace collars. Both sisters arranged their hair the same way, center parted, brushed smoothly back and

over the ears and most likely coiled at the nape of the neck in back. Both women wear gold hoop earrings. The woman at right holds what appears to be a small shuttle, possibly for lace or weaving, while the sister at left holds something, perhaps a piece of fabric or another item of clothing or textile production, in her hand. The image is set into a typical daguerreotype case, covered in glass behind an elaborate pressed gilt metal frame, with a narrow red velvet edging, set into a gutta percha case retaining its original hinges and clasp.

Dimensions

3.25 × 3.75 × 1 in. (8.3 × 9.5 × 2.5 cm)