Guide to the African American Portrait Tintypes

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Collection Overview

 Repository: Archives Center, National Museum of American History
 Title: African American Portrait Tintypes
 Identifier: NMAH.AC.0515
 Date: circa 1865-1900
 Extent: 2 Items
 Creator: Ahlborn, Richard E., 1933-2015
 Language: English.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information
Purchased by Richard Ahlborn, February 1990 from a dealer in Lyons, Colorado, who believed the tintypes were taken in Colorado. Gift of Mr. Ahlborn to the Archives Center.

Processing Information
Collection processed by Heather Van Horn, 6/27/94.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical
Nothing is known about the subjects of the photographs, their origin, or circumstances. Neither photograph is captioned, and the photographer is unidentified.
Scope and Contents

Two small portrait busts of young African American men or boys. One wears a jacket and tie. The other tintype, in somewhat worse condition, is bent and abraded and has a hole in the top, and shows a young man wearing a broad-brimmed hat, vest, and jacket, no tie.

No indication of photographer's identity.

Arrangement

Collection is arranged into one series.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:
- African Americans -- 1880-1900
- Hats -- 1880-1900 -- Colorado
- Vests -- 1880-1900 -- Colorado
- Youths -- African American -- 1880-1900 -- Colorado

Types of Materials:
- Portraits -- African American men
- Tintypes -- 1880-1900

Geographic Names:
- Colorado -- African Americans -- 1880-1900
Container Listing

Folder 1

African American Portrait, 1800-1900
2 Tintypes (*japanned iron plates, silver collodion* ; 1 1/2" x 1")