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Heye Family daguerreotypes

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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Museum of the American Indian
Title:	Heye Family daguerreotypes
Date:	circa 1850-1865
Identifier:	NMAI.AC.407
Extent:	3 Daguerreotypes (photographs)
Language:	English .
Summary:	This collection contains three daguerreotypes depicting relatives of George Gustav Heye (1874-1957), founder of the Museum of the American Indian.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Gift of K. King Burnett, 1989.

Processing Information

Collection processed by Emily Moazami, Supervisory Archivist, Dec. 2022.

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Biographical / Historical

George Gustav Heye was born on September 16, 1874 in New York City. His father, Carl Friederich Gustav Heye, was born in Quakenbrück, Germany on November 3, 1834, and came to the United States as a young man. George Heye's paternal grandparents were Herman Gustav Heye of Crefeld, Germany, and Cattie Brotzman Heye. Christian Heye was the elder brother of Carl Friederich Gustav Heye and son of Herman and Cattie.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains three daguerreotypes depicting relatives of George Gustav Heye (1874-1957), founder of the Museum of the American Indian. The images include Herman Gustav Heye (paternal grandfather to George Gustav Heye); Christian Heye (paternal uncle of George Gustav Heye); and Cattie Brottman Heye (paternal grandmother of George Gustav Heye). The daguerreotypes displayed in a gold frame.

Arrangement

Photographs arranged in a box.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Names:

- Heye , Christian
- Heye, Cattie Brottman
- Heye, George G. (George Gustav), 1874-1957
- Heye, Herman Gustav

Container Listing

P37506: [Herman Gustav Heye](#)

Notes: Daguerreotype depicting Herman Gustav Heye, paternal grandfather to George Gustav Heye (1874-1957). Herman was from Crefeld, Germany. This photograph was most likely shot in Germany.

P37508: [Cattie Brottman Heye](#)

Notes: Daguerreotype depicting Cattie Brottman Heye, paternal grandmother to George Gustav Heye (1874-1957). Photograph most likely shot in Germany where Cattie was living at the time.

P37507: [Christian Heye](#)

Notes: Daguerreotype depicting Christian Heye, paternal uncle to George Gustav Heye (1874-1957). This photograph was most likely shot in Germany where he was living at the time.