



Winterthur/University of Delaware
Program in Art Conservation
Conservation Report



Accession #: 2001.0017.0004

Object: [Bust-length portrait of a woman]

Object Date: 1896–1899

Artist/Author: Harry A. Plumley, 588 N. Gay Street, Baltimore, Maryland

Materials: Cabinet card, Silver gelatin printing-out print (POP)

Owner: University of Delaware Museums: “The Baltimore Collection”

Permanent Location: UD Museums Collections

Reason for Treatment or Examination: Examined as part of the photograph conservation block documentation project and aimed to add to the curatorial and conservation body of knowledge.

Examined by: Meghan Angelos, PhD Student, Art History

Report Date: January 11, 2018

DESCRIPTION

This is a rectangular, silver gelatin printing-out print (POP) cabinet card with a bust-length portrait of an unidentified woman, with the words “Balto. Photo Co.” and “588 N. GAY ST. BALTIMORE, MD.” engraved on the card, below the photograph.

CONDITION

The photograph measures 14 by 9.8 cm, and the secondary support measures 16.4 by 10.7 cm. The image has suffered water-related damage, resulting in severe purple and orange mold staining throughout. The photolytic silver image appears to have yellowed and faded, both overall and in a spot-wise fashion. The gelatin binder layer has been lost in several areas, including along the left edge and in the center of the woman’s chest, as well as in smaller patches on the woman’s face. The photograph is beginning to lift from its mount at all edges. The mount has moderate surface dirt and damage around its edges.