



Winterthur/University of Delaware
Program in Art Conservation
Conservation Report



Accession #: 2001.0017.0015

Object: [Portrait of woman and young girl]

Object Date: 1903

Artist/Author: Julius Hebbel 321 N. Gay St. Baltimore, MD

Materials: 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 block documentation project and aimed to add to the curatorial and conservation body of knowledge

Examined by: Julianna Ly, WUDPAC 2020

Report Date: January 6, 2018

DESCRIPTION

This is a silver gelatin POP print mounted on a thicker card mount which depicts a woman seated next to a standing child who is holding an unidentified object.

CONDITION

The image measures 9.4 cm (w) x 13.4 cm (l) on a mount measuring 10.8 cm (w) x 16.5 cm (l).

The silver image is in overall poor, unstable condition. There is extensive water damage that has resulted in the image lifting from the mount and tide lines most noticeably in the background. There is mold damage throughout that has resulted in various purple and white spots in clusters most notably towards the top and along the left side of the image. The mold damage is disfiguring and visually distracting.

Both the silver image and the mount have a significant amount of grime, that has concentrated along the edge where the image meets the mount. The mount is decorated with what appears to be bronze paint and exhibits areas of copper corrosion resulting in a blue/green appearance in several areas along the outermost border.

Both the recto and verso exhibit a significant amount of grime. On the verso, there is what appears to be an old adhesive tape along the top edge that has folded and crumbled. All four edges of the verso are creased and slightly folded over. There is an area of significant staining along the bottom edge and various scattered black accretions concentrated in the upper right corner. This may be associated with mold damage. "15244" is written in graphite in the upper middle portion.