



**Winterthur/University of Delaware
Program in Art Conservation
Conservation Report**



Accession #: 2001.0017.0042

Object: [Possible yearbook picture of a young girl]

Object Date: 1946

Artist/Author: Unknown

Materials: Silver gelatin developed-out print

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

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DESCRIPTION

This a silver gelatin developed-out print depicts a young seated girl. It is dated 1946 and was most likely a school photo, as it appears to have been cut from a larger sheet.

CONDITION

The print measures 3.7 cm wide by 6.6 cm in length. These measurements differ slightly from the current Artstor database record.

The photograph is in generally fair condition. It is faded and greenish yellow in color. The fading is most likely due to exposure to high relative humidity, water damage and/or poor processing during manufacture. Both the recto and verso have a thin layer of dark brown surface grime. There is also purple and black mold staining. The purple staining covers the top right corner and the bottom of the image, where it extends across the girl's book and chest. Black mold staining is concentrated in the top right corner. There are three small black accretions, possibly fly specks, on the girl's hands and one on her face. There is also a small linear mark to the left of the girl's face.

Purple and black mold staining is also evident on the verso.

TREATMENT

Surface cleaned recto and verso using soft brush and cosmetic sponges.