

CAPES at 25 Years!

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Monmouth County Historical Association

- In 1997, rudimentary way to access images
- Poorly housed
- Inappropriate shelving
- Over 125 cased images: daguerreotypes and ambrotypes
- Particular expertise that staff did not have



Daguerreotypes

Silas Halsey



... and his legs



Cased Ambrotypes

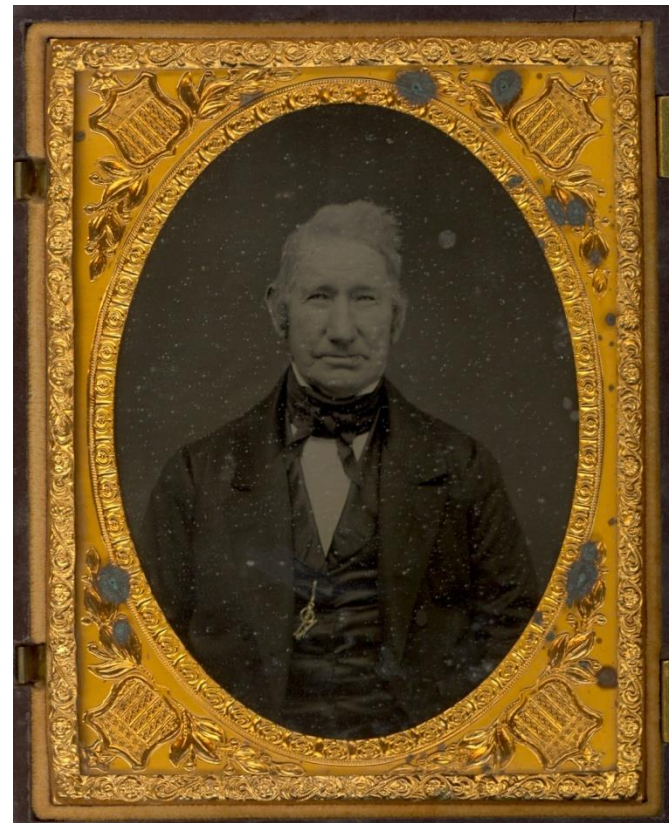
Eleanor Conover Schenck

c.1855



DeLafayette Schenck

c.1855





Ambrotype

Barracks at Camp Vredenburg, c.1862

Impact on Priorities

- Identified a need for preservation, access, and information sharing
- Staff not experienced in this particular area
- Needed to bring collection up to a higher standard
- A CAPES was suggested

Impact on Budgeting

- Funding needed for improving collection management and preservation
- Funding needed for improving information sharing (i.e. intellectual access, cataloging)
- Possible funding through grants
- A CAPES was considered a first step to a grant

The Evaluation Survey

- CAPES application submitted and approved
- Consultant surveyed collections and submitted report
- Report was used to apply for grant to fulfill CAPES recommendations
- Grant approved

Preservation Project

From this



.... to this!



Impact on Planning

- Policy for future re-housing, cataloging, preservation, and access
- Availability for in-house exhibition and loan
- Storage space saved by centralizing collection
- Positive changes in collections preservation and management

Ongoing Preservation Management

Photograph Collection



Digitization



The Other Side

- Became a CAPES Consultant in 2008
- Specialization: Historical Societies!
- Each one different, each one unique

Eatontown Historical Museum

The Read House, c.1730



A room dedicated for a Library



Eatontown Historical Museum



Farmingdale Historical Society

Elizabeth Grove Museum

One Big Room



Farmingdale Historical Society



Historical Society of Ocean Grove

Former Kite Store, late 1800s

Separate area for Library



Historical Society of Ocean Grove



In conclusion

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