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## ARCHIVES

Charles Pardon Stevens  
Collection

2000.84

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### Collection Information

Abstract : Quarter plate daguerreotype of Charles Pardon Stevens, Worcester businessman who went to California seeking gold in 1849 and again in 1850

Finding Aid : Finding Aid in print form is available in the Repository.

Preferred Citation : Worcester Historical Museum, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Provenance : Gift of Peter B. Taylor, Hyannis Port, Mass., December 2000.

MARC Access : Collection is cataloged in MARC under the following subject headings (lcsh, aat, tgm, gmgcp)

Stevens, Charles Pardon, 1829-1885.

Stevens, Daniel, 1818-1888.

California – Gold discoveries.

Gold mines and mining – California – 1848-1852.

Gold miners – Massachusetts – Worcester – Photographs.

Daguerreotypes. aat

### **Historical/Biographical Notes**

Charles Pardon Stevens was born 1829 in Charlton, Mass., attended Worcester Academy after elementary education in Charlton. He went to California in 1849 following the discovery of gold, returning in the fall. He and his brother Daniel returned to California in 1850. After their return the brothers established a partnership, D. & C. P. Stevens, establishing a sash, door, and blinds business on Southbridge Street in Worcester. The brothers also dealt in real estate, and founded a grain and feed business. Charles Pardon Stevens died in 1885.

### **Scope and Content**

The collection consists of a single quarter plate daguerreotype of Stevens, made during the California gold rush, ca. 1850, showing Stevens in a posed portrait with miner's clothing and equipment.

### **Series Description**

**Series 1:** Photographs. Daguerreotype of Charles Pardon Stevens, ca. 1850. (1 item)

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Series 1, Photographs

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1	1	2000.84.1.1	Charles Pardon Stevens, with pick, two pistols, bag for gold : quarter plate daguerreotype / ca. 1850.

