

MICHAEL GRAY'S

OLD TERRILL FAMILY
PHOTO ALBUM



Introduction

This very old photo album was given to Michael Ayn Gray by her father, Donald Weld Gray, when he moved from Connecticut to Florida. It had been handed down to Donald from his mother, Marie Ward (Terrill) Gray. A number of the pictures are labelled on the album pages, underneath the pictures themselves. Michael has identified the handwriting as definitely that of her grandmother, Marie. This makes sense because the pictures which are identified are people Marie would have known, although she knew them much later than when these photographs were taken. If it had been Marie's 16-year-old sister Lily (the only other likely person) who identified the pictures, we contend that she would have been able to identify more of them. We believe that the album was probably put together by Marie's mother, Mary Ida-Louise (Skinner) Terrill, based on the selection of pictures. These are pictures that Mary I. L. would have had, and the collection herein seems (insofar as we know the identities) to be of pictures that she would have put in her family's album. There are other pictures she probably would have put in—had they been the proper size.

The album consists of cardboard pages, 5.9 inches high and 4.7 inches wide. Each page has a paper covering, both on the front and on the back, glued down along the left and right edges and containing an opening in the center through which to see the picture. Each page holds one picture on its front and one on its back, and some pages did not contain pictures. The album was designed for a picture size called "carte-de-visite" (4 1/4 by 2 1/2 inches), a very popular format in the second half of the 19th century. The cardboard is recessed in the center, both front and back, so that when a picture is slipped in, either from the top of the page or from the bottom, it is held in place in the center under the opening. A few of the pictures were smaller than carte-de-visite size and were simply slipped into the openings and held in place loosely.

In copying these pictures we removed them from the album pages so that we could scan them. Had we scanned them while they remained in the album pages they would have been out-of-focus due to the depth of the recessing. Removing them from the album pages also allowed us to copy the backs, giving us photo studio information. Only one picture was identified on its back. We didn't bother to scan the back if it was blank. The order of the pictures as presented herein is the order in which they appear in the album. The labels which we have put in quotes are transcriptions of Marie's labels. All of the pictures have been reproduced at actual size. None of the pictures has been enhanced.

We're publishing this album primarily to share this collection with all who are interested. But we also hope that some of you will be able to identify pictures which are presently unidentified, based on identified similar pictures in collections of your own. Unidentified such pictures can help too. Just the fact that you have such a picture is meaningful. You'll find our contact information below, and we hope to hear from you!

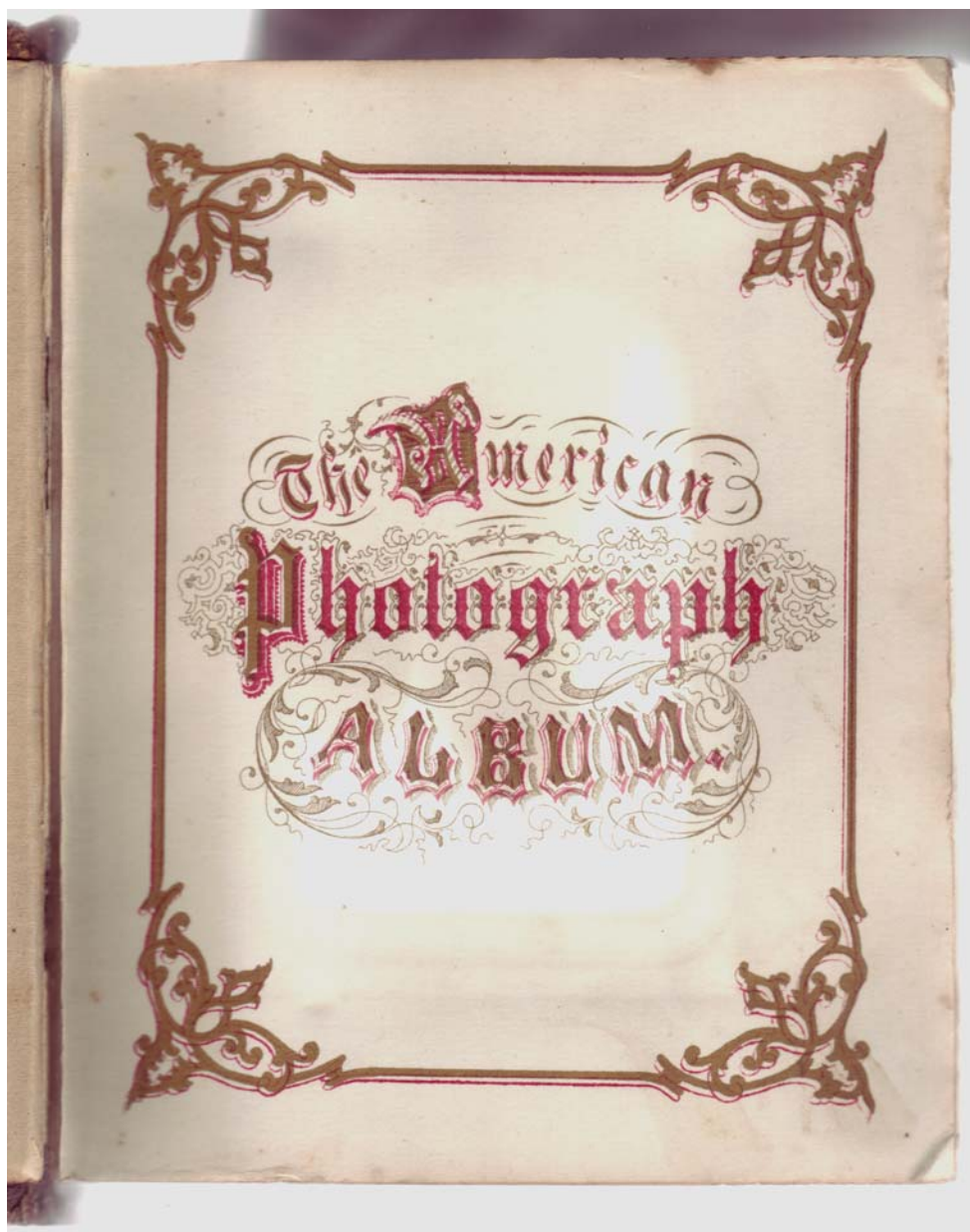
Conrad W. Terrill, May 2008

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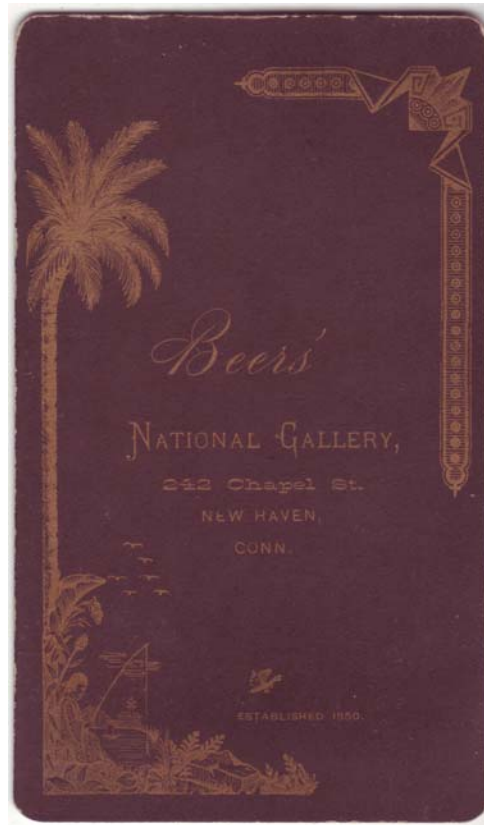
The album's title page, actual size.

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Sarah Wilson (Clapp) Terrill, b. 1849



"Aunt Sarah"



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"Aunt Maria" can only be Maria (Skinner) Cornwell, who was born in 1840. This cannot be a picture of her herself, since this form of photograph (albumen paper) was introduced in 1855, so we can only assume that this is a picture of a baby of hers. A likely possibility, considering the phrasing of the caption, is the one of her three children who died young, possibly as a baby.

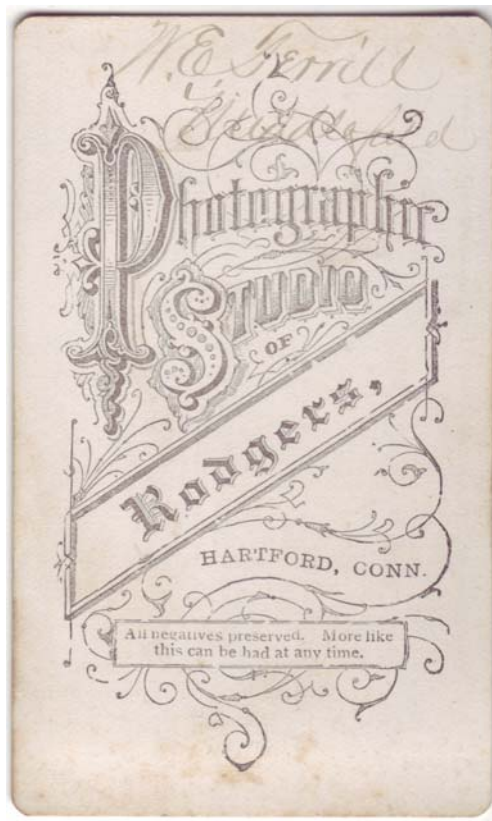


"Aunt Maria baby"



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Willis Edward Terrill, b. 1851



"Uncle Will"

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Fred Weld Terrill, b. 1853



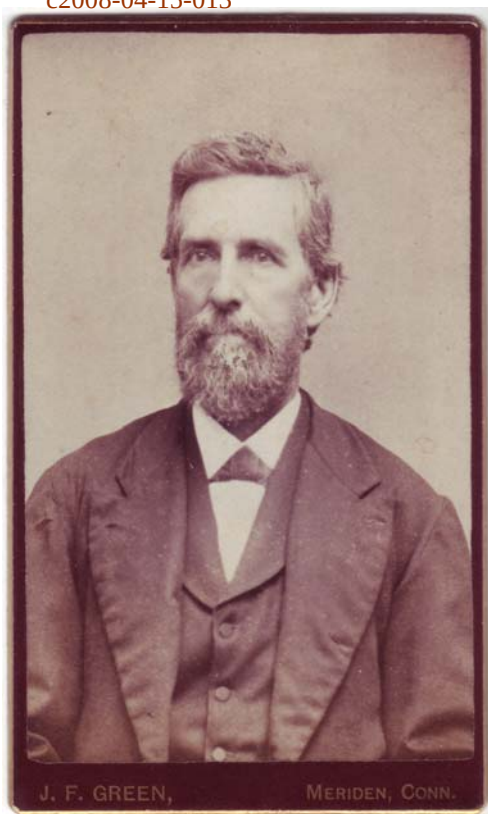
"Dad"

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Probably Almira W. (Bailey) Skinner, b. 1815 [ID by CWT, 2008]



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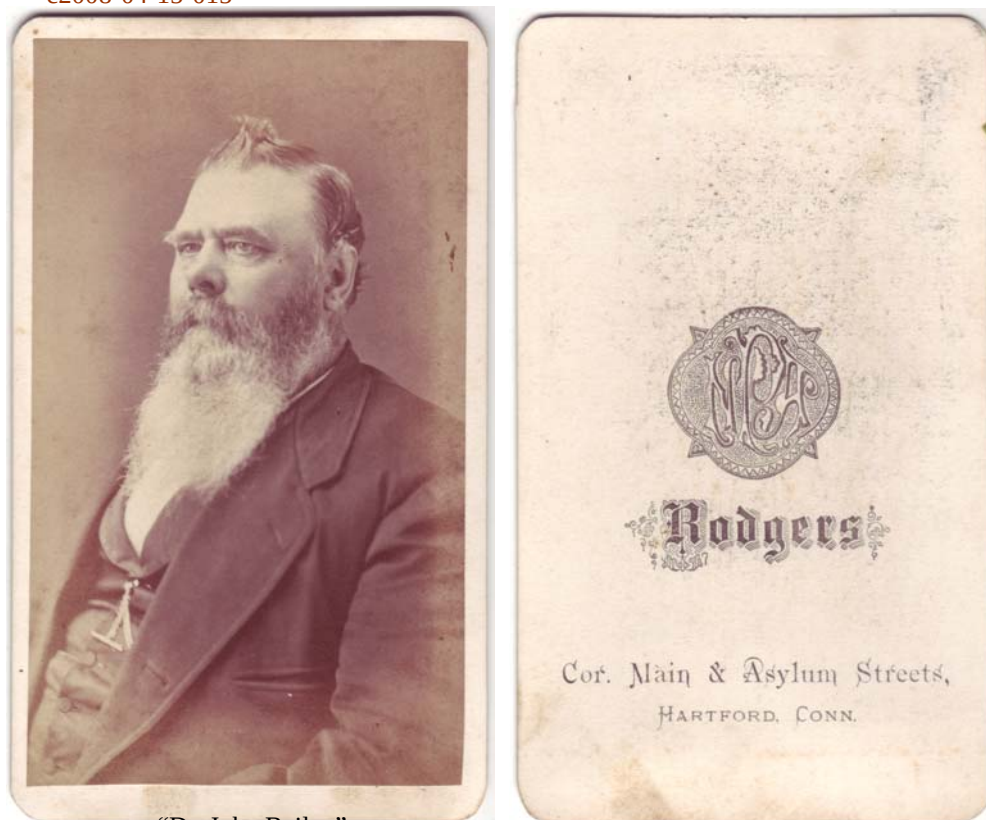
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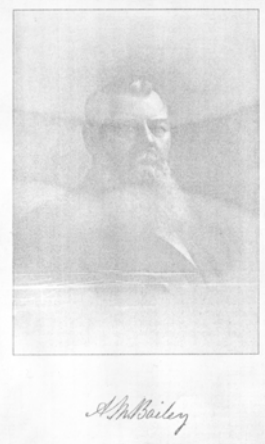


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We think Marie slipped up on this one. John E. Bailey, M.D., may have looked like this when Marie knew him; but he was born in 1862, and he would have looked younger in a picture this old. This is very likely John's father, Alfred M. Bailey, Mary I. L. Terrill's uncle.



The picture of Alfred M. Bailey shown below is from the 1903 "Commemorative Biographical Record of Middlesex County, Connecticut (J. H. Beeres & Co., Chicago), in an account of John E. Bailey himself.

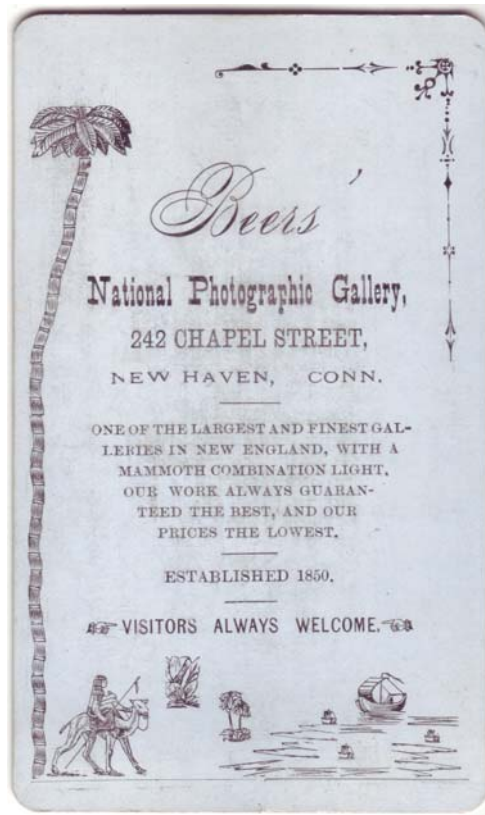


~~"Dr. John Bailey"~~

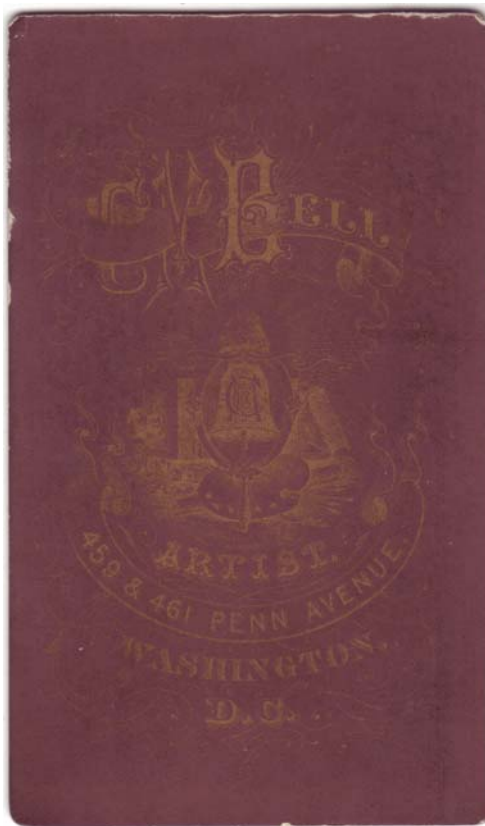
Alfred M.. Bailey, b. 1822
[ID by CWT, 2008]

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Alimia O. (Fermin) Terrill, b. 1826 [ID by CWT, 2008]

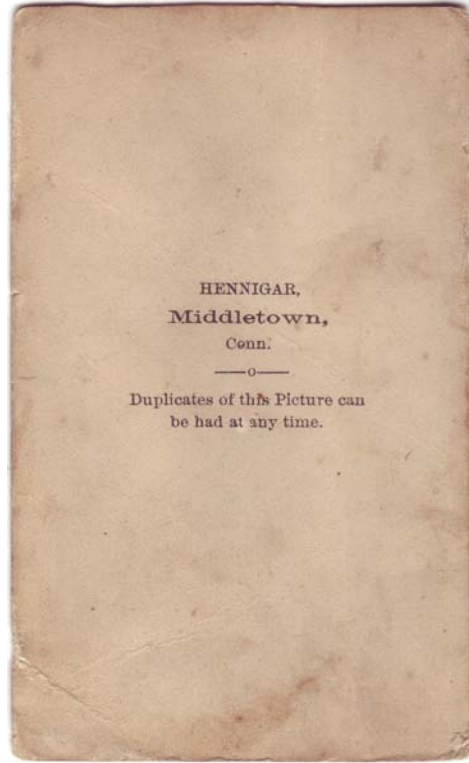


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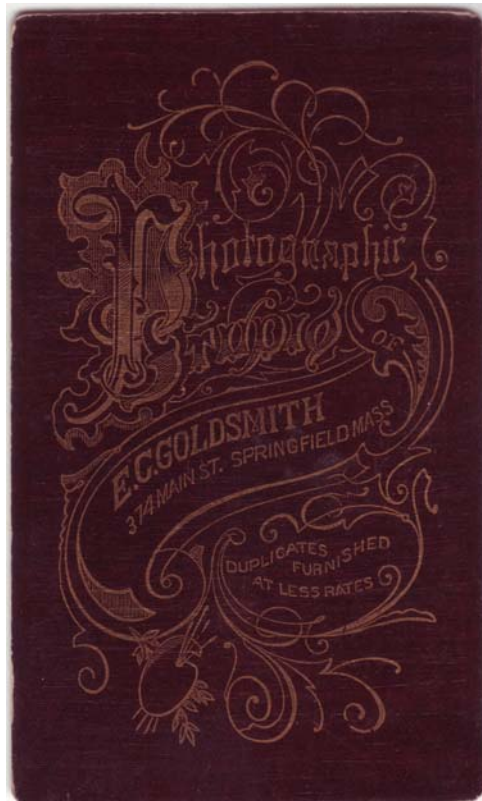


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Almira & Albert Skinner, c. 1870 [ID by MAG & CWT, 2008]



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May Lily Terrill, b. 1868



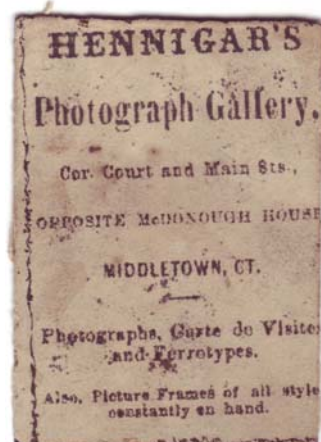
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"Aunt May"

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(A tintype.)

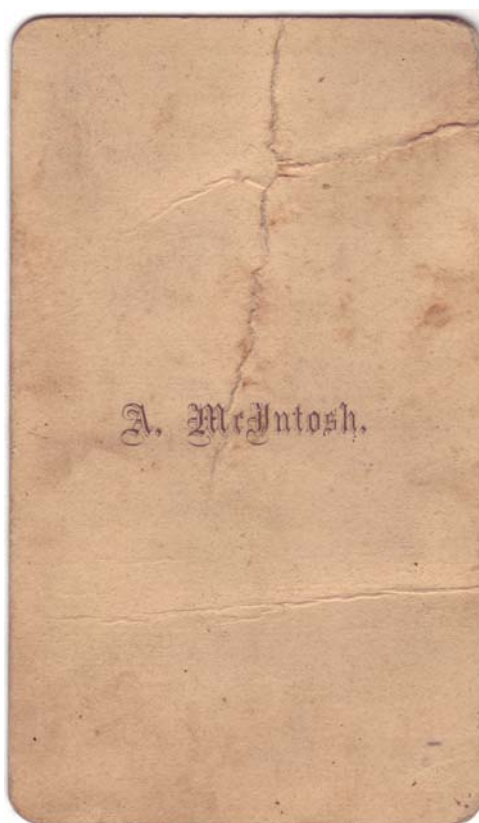


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Mary Ida-Louise (Skinner) Terrill, b. 1853



“Mother”



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Fred Wedl Terrill, b. 1853



“Father”

This is a tintype, and the back is
varnished iron with no labelling.

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Tintype



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Moses Weld Terrill, b. 1875 (son of Fred)

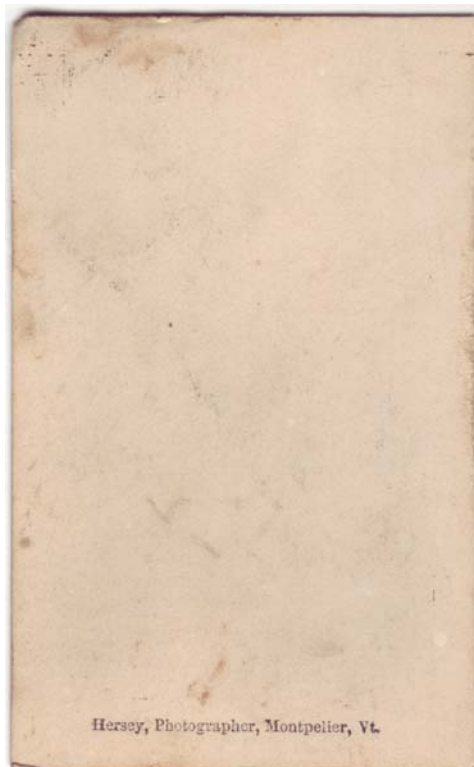


The back is solid black.

“Brother Moses”

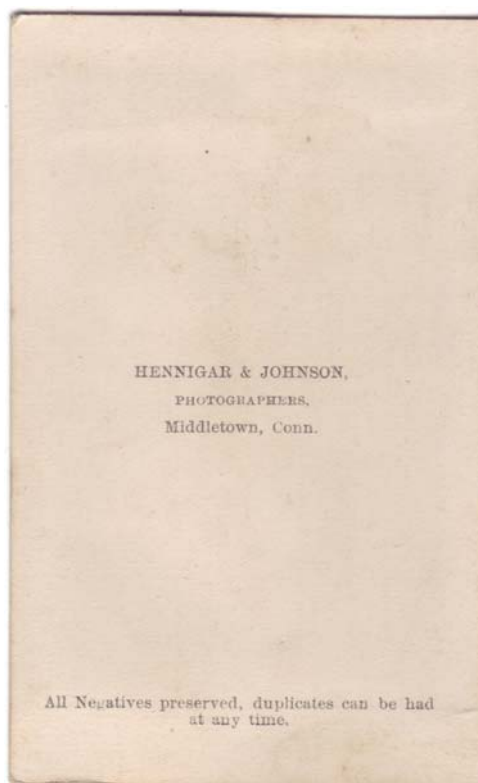
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Ivy Laura Terrill, b. 1873



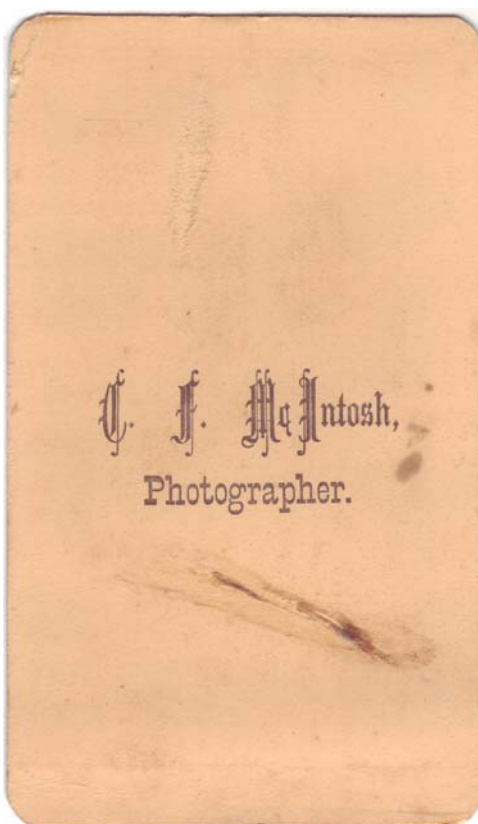
“Ivy”

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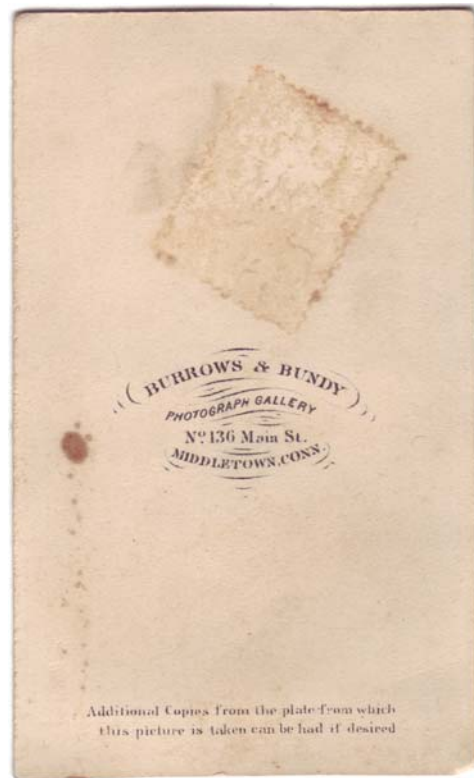
Clementine A. (Miller) Skinner, b. 1839



"Aunt Clementine"

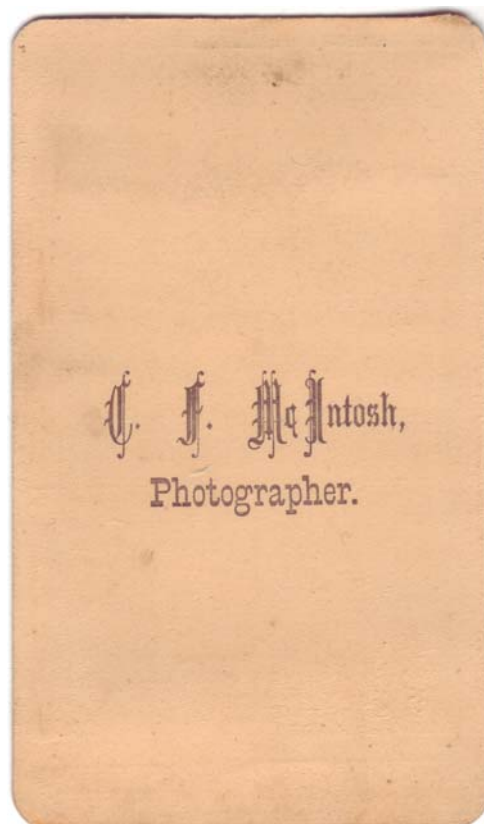
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This person also appears on p. 18, bottom.



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We don't know of an "Aunt May Skinner," so we assume that this is probably a picture of Mary R. Skinner, the wife of Mary I. L. Terrill's brother Pascal Skinner.



"Aunt May Skinner"

Probably Mary R. (Miller) Skinner, b. 1846.
[CWT, 2008]

c2008-04-15-032

This may be a picture of Thomas Charles Cheney, b. 1868,
and his sister Winifred Cheney, b. 1870. [CWT, 2008]



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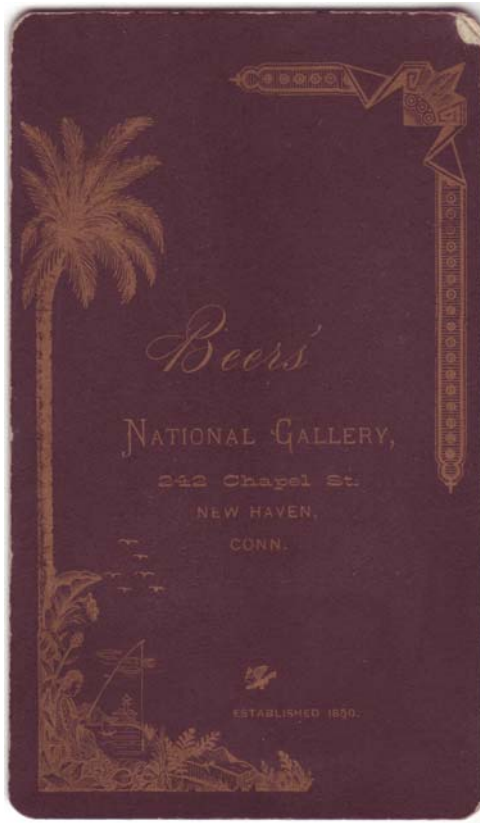
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Mary Ida-Louise (Skinner) Terrill, b. 1853



“Mother”



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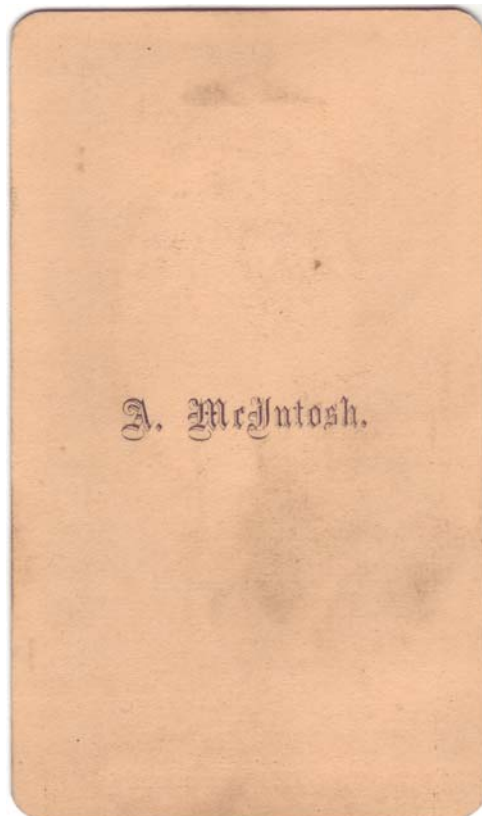
John Martin Terrill, b. 1849. [ID by MAG & CWT, 2008.]



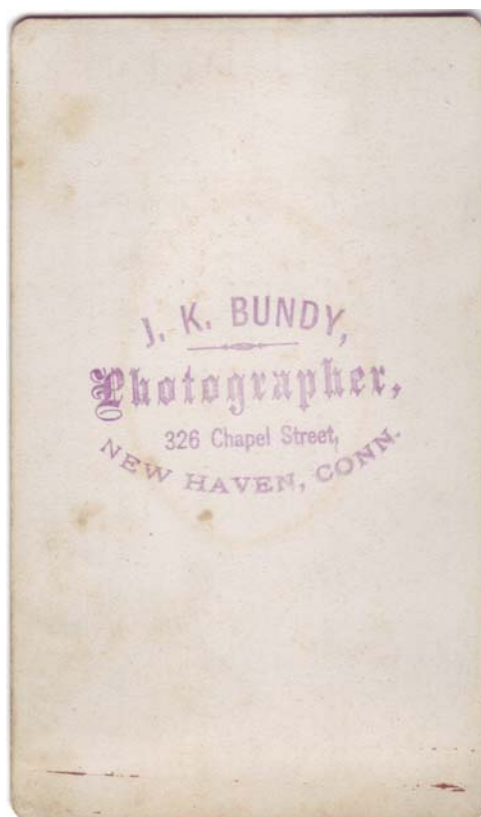
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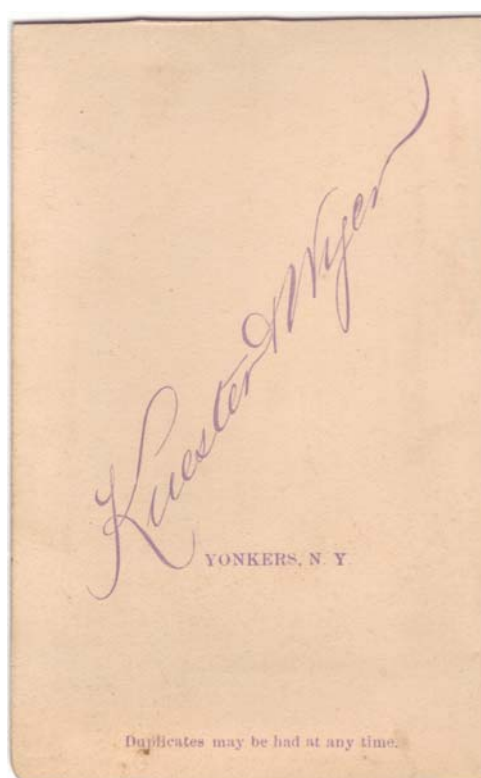
This person also appears on p. 15, top.



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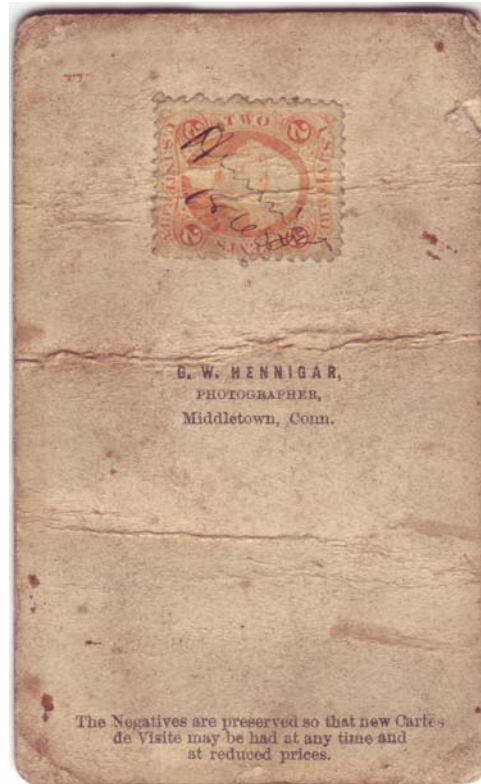
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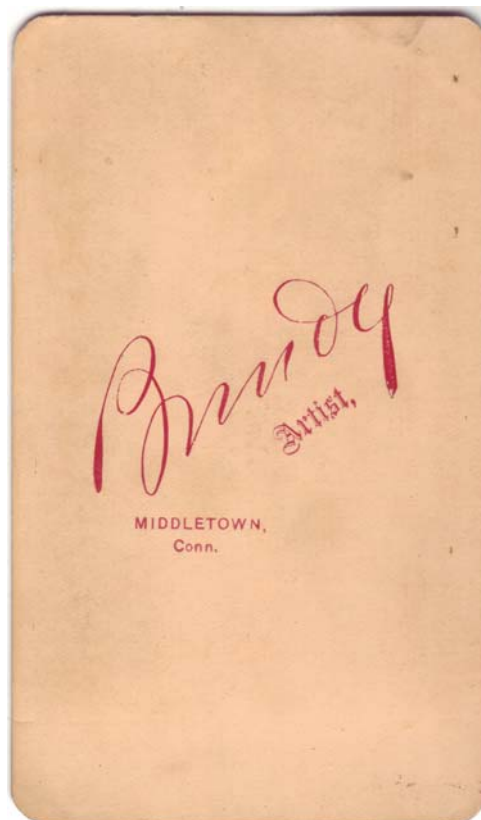
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Frederick Weld Terrill, b. 1853. [ID by CWT, 2008.]



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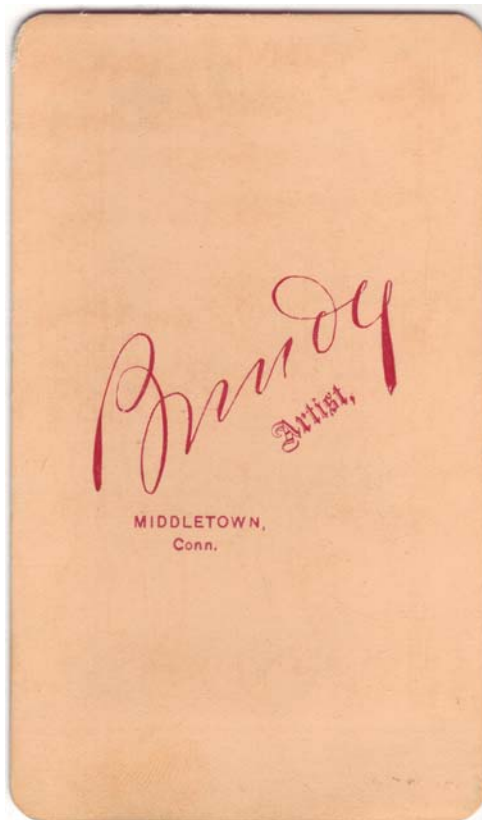
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John Martin Terrill, b. 1849. [ID by MAG & CWT, 2008.]



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The back has been rotated 180 degrees.
It's upside-down relative to the front.