

# Basic Detail Report

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## Scholars of the Emerson School for Girls

### Date

ca.1850

### Primary Maker

Southworth & Hawes

### Medium

Daguerreotype

### Description

This is a full-plate daguerreotype of a group of students at the most prominent school for young women in Boston. Although there are over 30 figures in the portrait, the subtle variations in posture, gesture, and facial expression create the impression of a group made up of vivid and distinct individuals. The Emerson School for Girls was established in 1823 by George Barrell Emerson, the second cousin of the poet and philosopher Ralph Waldo Emerson.

### Dimensions

6 1/2 × 8 1/2 in. (16.5 × 21.6 cm)