# Frank A. Bliley's College Years—Album 2 C1880s

### Album 4. Frank A. Bliley's College Years - Album 2 Scanned: August 2015

### Introduction

This album continues Frank Anderson Bliley's college years. The album is much smaller with only one photo frame per page and he stays within it physical limit. It is crafted of fine leather with a brass clasp.

### Commentary

This is a most unusual album. While I had to come up with a name for it, it no only contains numerous photos of his Edinboro Normal School classmates and professors in about half of the album, it also includes many photos of his family.

One such photo was found sandwiched and out-of-sight between two photos of his siblings. It was a proof photo of his beloved older sister Nellie who died at the age of 26 while Frank was a young man. No other photo of Nellie are in this album.

Since the image quality is poor, faded and reddish in color, and hidden, I nicknamed it "the Ghost Photo". This discovery and background story is documented in another file in the archives.

At lease one of the classmates appears to be a possible romantic interest—she is, "Ralphe [Ralphena] Conover"— a recent "graduate" from the Mercer Soldiers Orphans School in nearby Mercer, Pennsylvania who was "discharged" at the age of sixteen. Behind her photo was a floral card that reads, "Do not forget your class-mate. (Arithmetic 11.15) Feb. 14, "82" [Bliley FA College Album 2-Page 23-Front-600.tif] Note the date on the card was Valentine's Day of 1882.

Also the list of "Sixteeners" from the orphan school was a woman by the name of "Sylvia Crawford" as an Edinboro student. A tintype in the album of a young woman is captioned with "Crawford". Perhaps, she was a friend of Ralphena.

It would be nice to know what happened to these people that grandfather Frank A. Bliley thought so much of to include them in his photo album and what their common bond was beyond being students in the same school. In the Boulder Bliley Archives collection, there are several photos of Frank with classmates on picnic outings or other activities. Clearly he was a very social person.

This alum, like the others of this period, has many professional portraits of Frank at various ages from the age of 15 into his early twenties.

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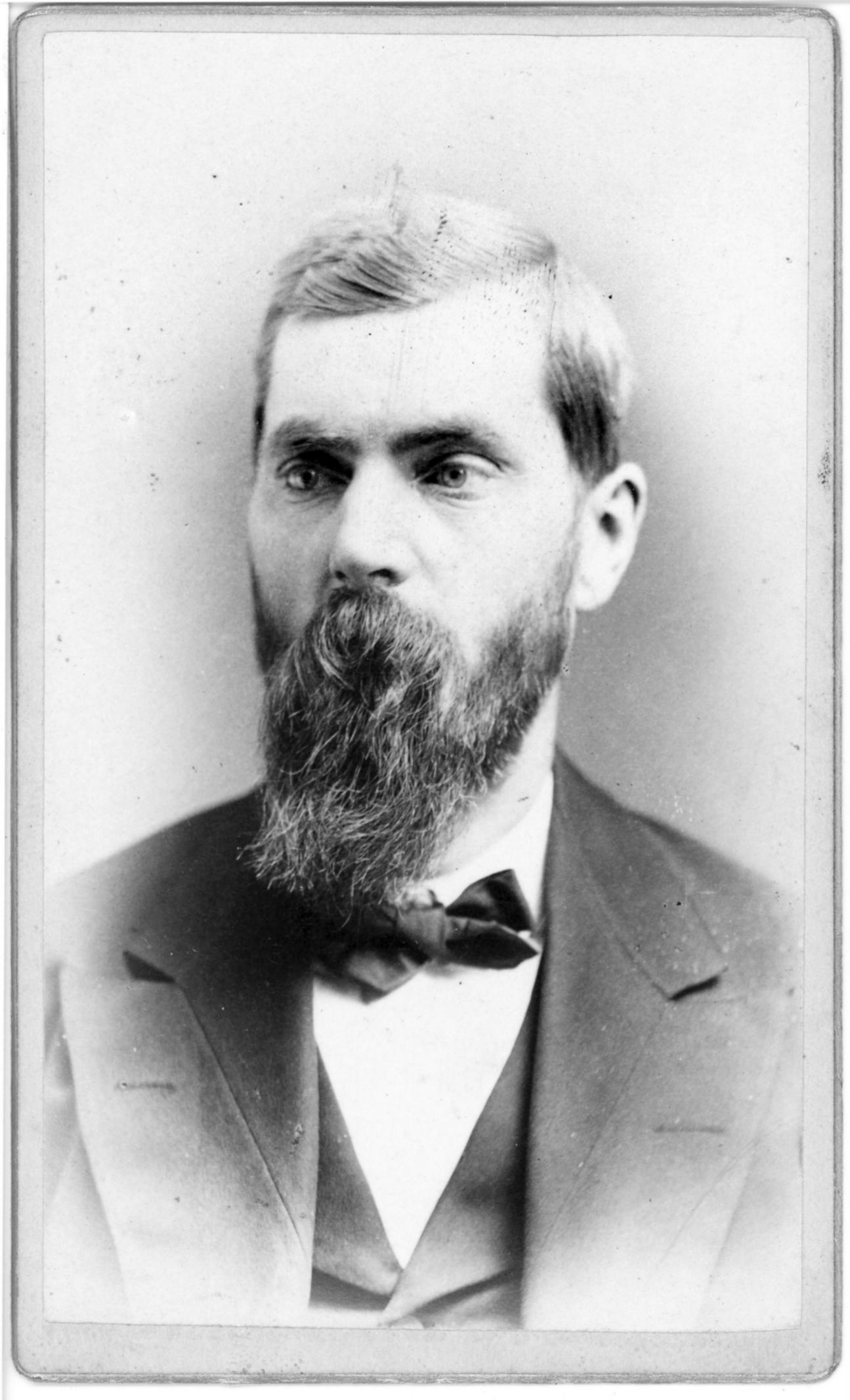
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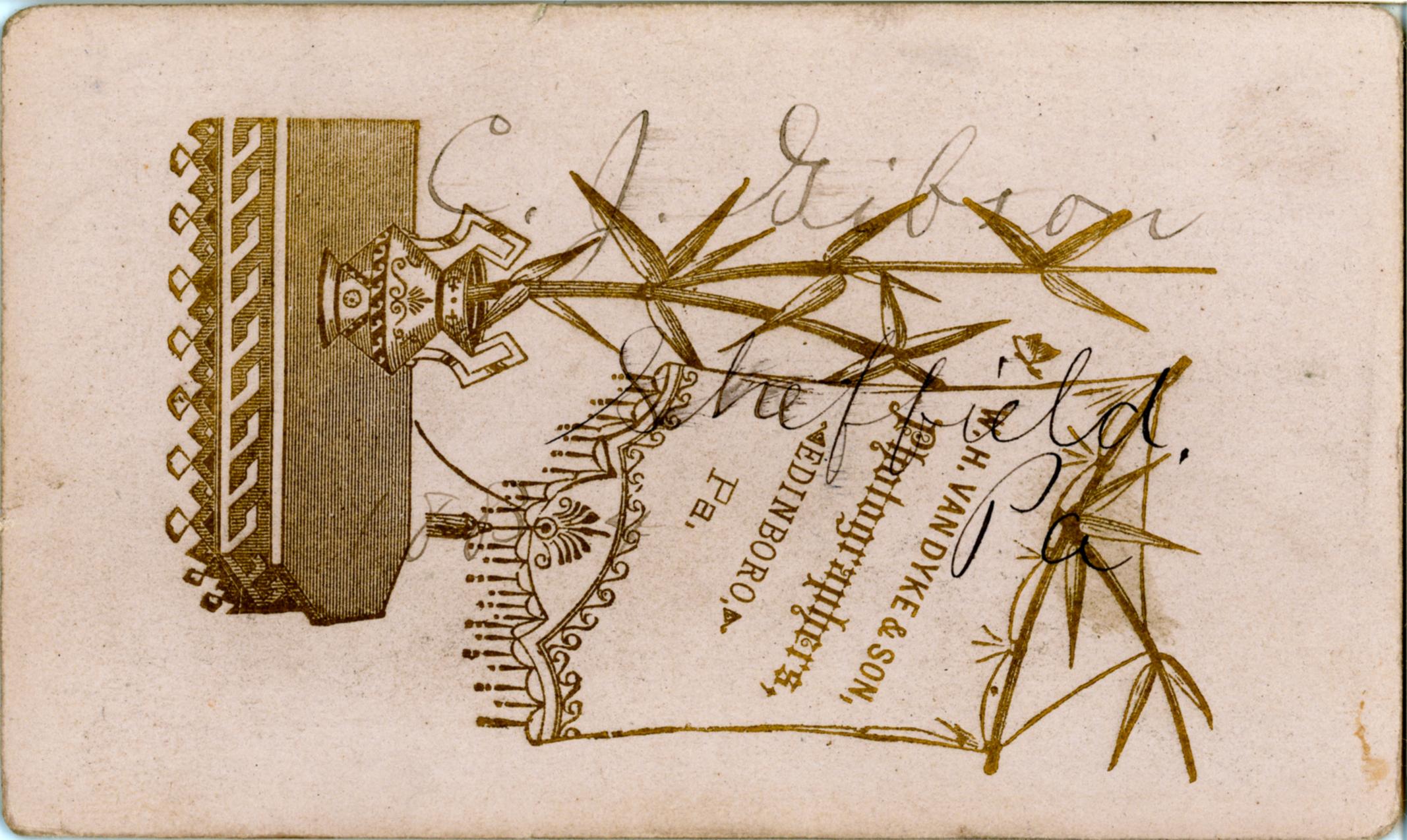
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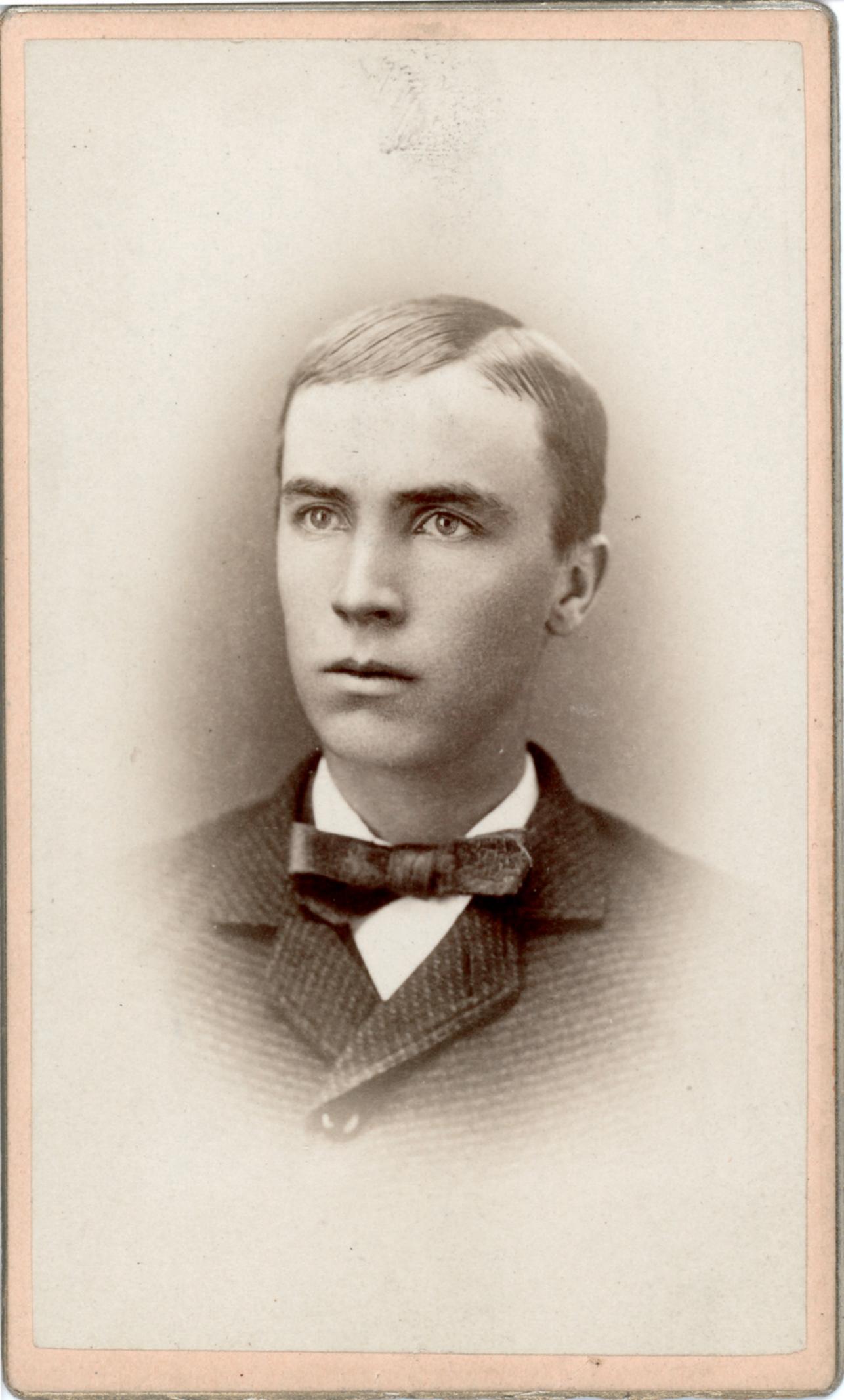


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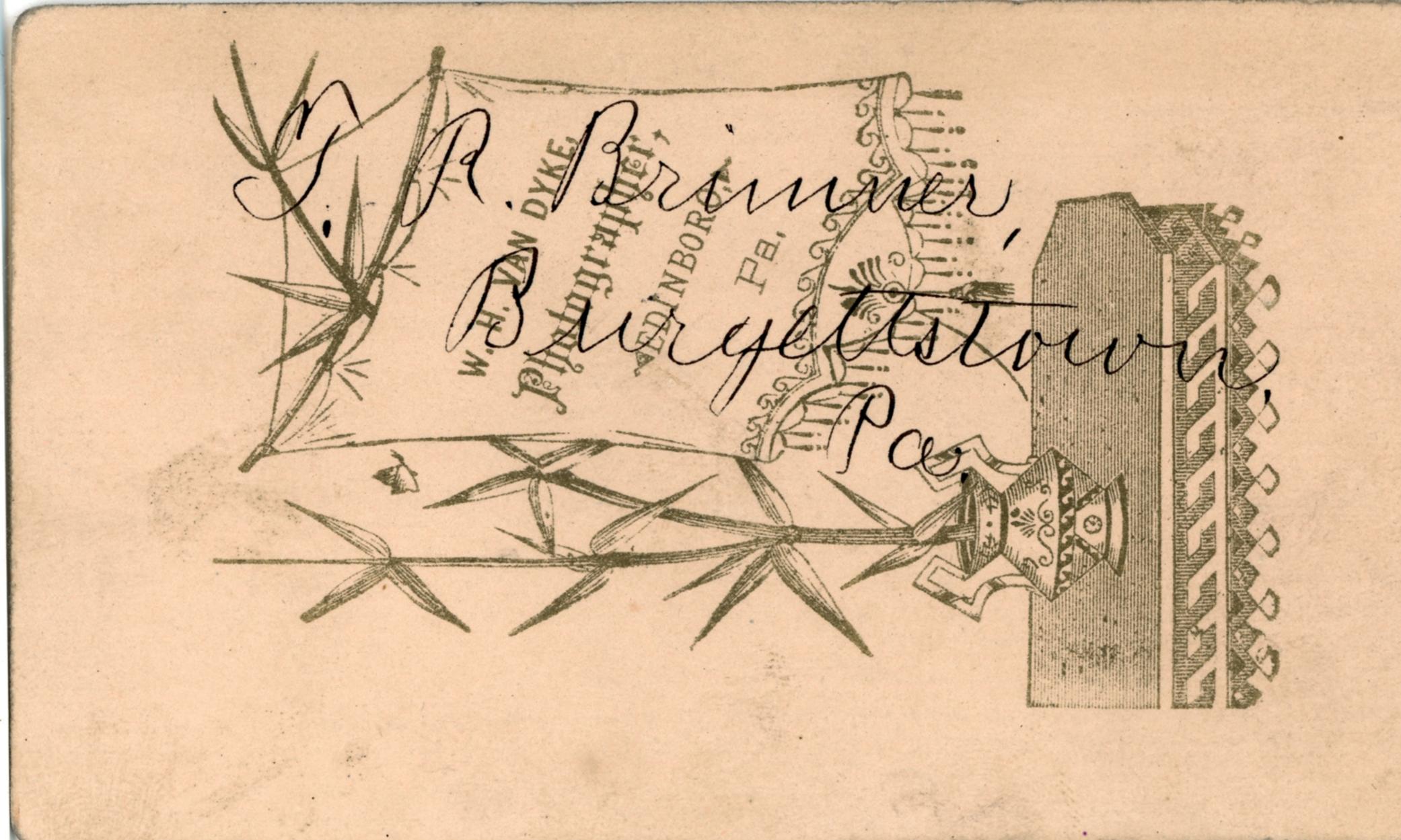


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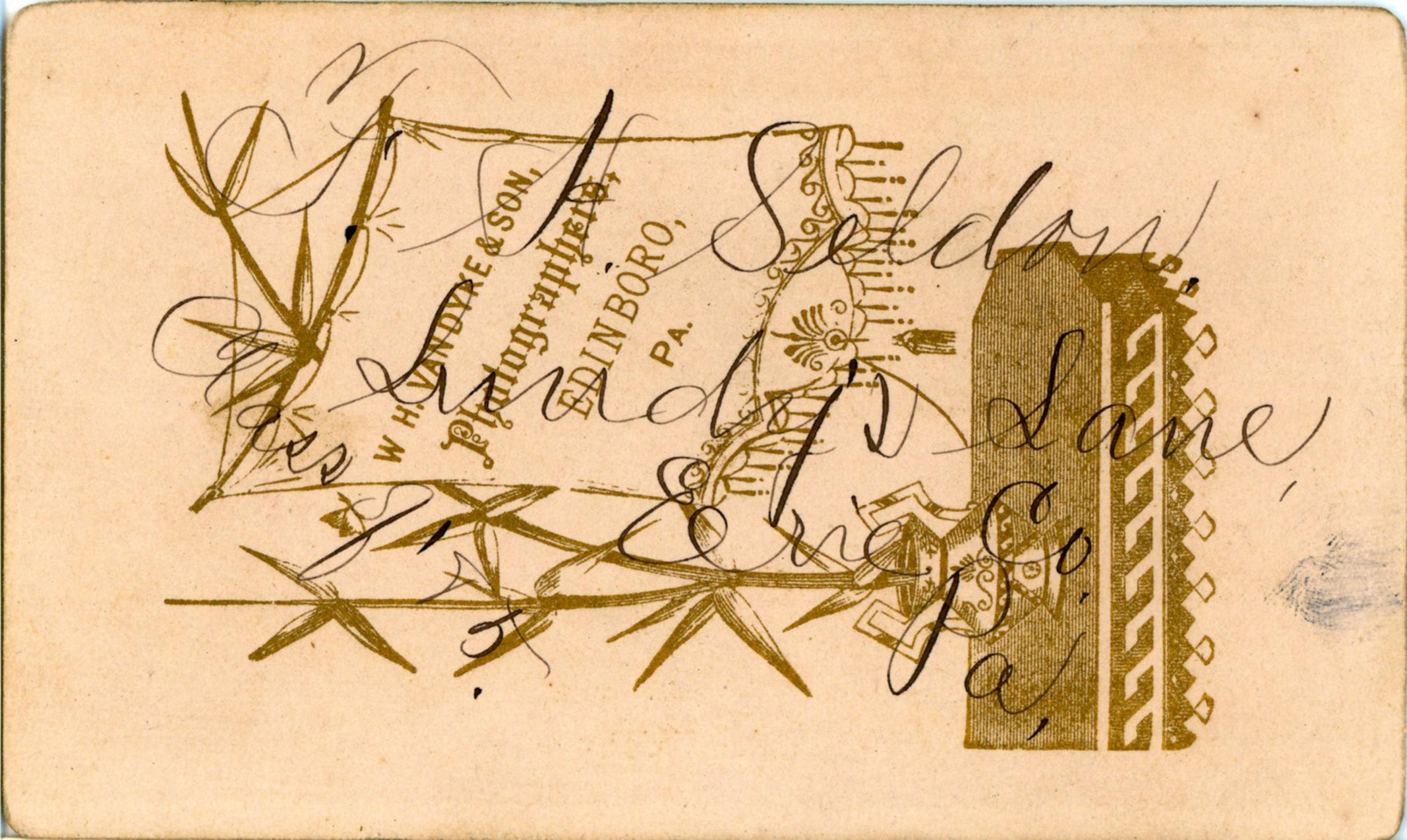


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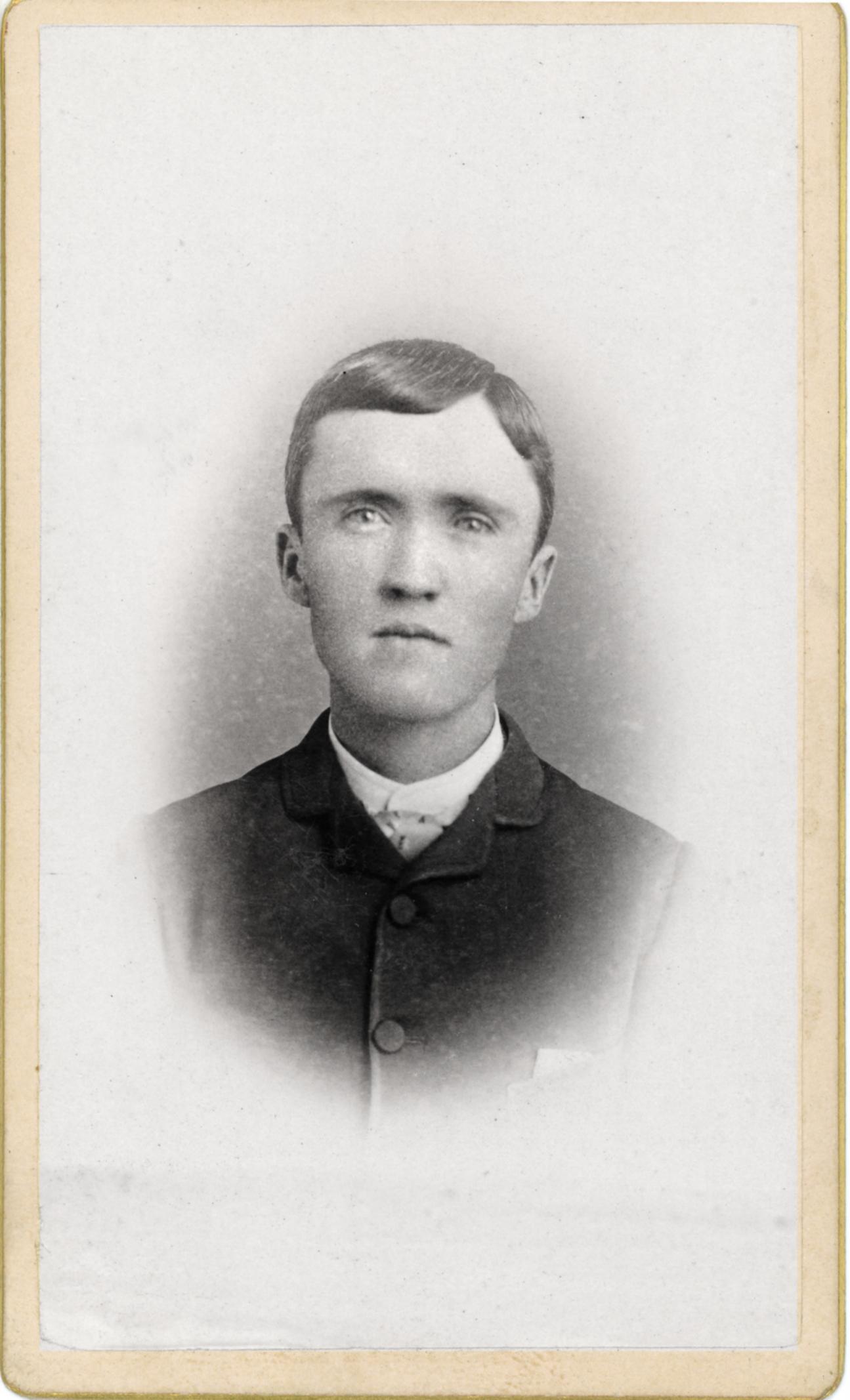
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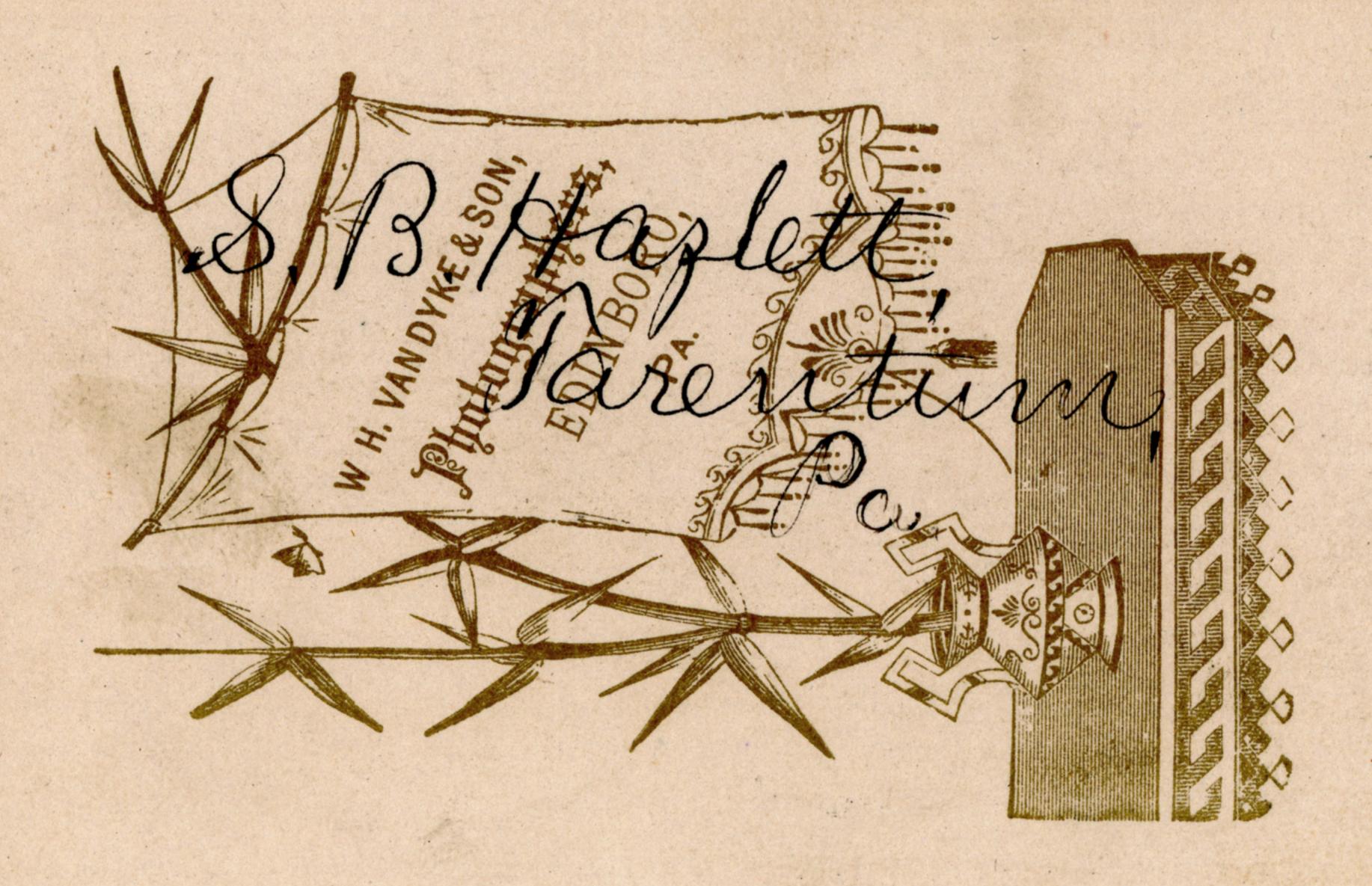


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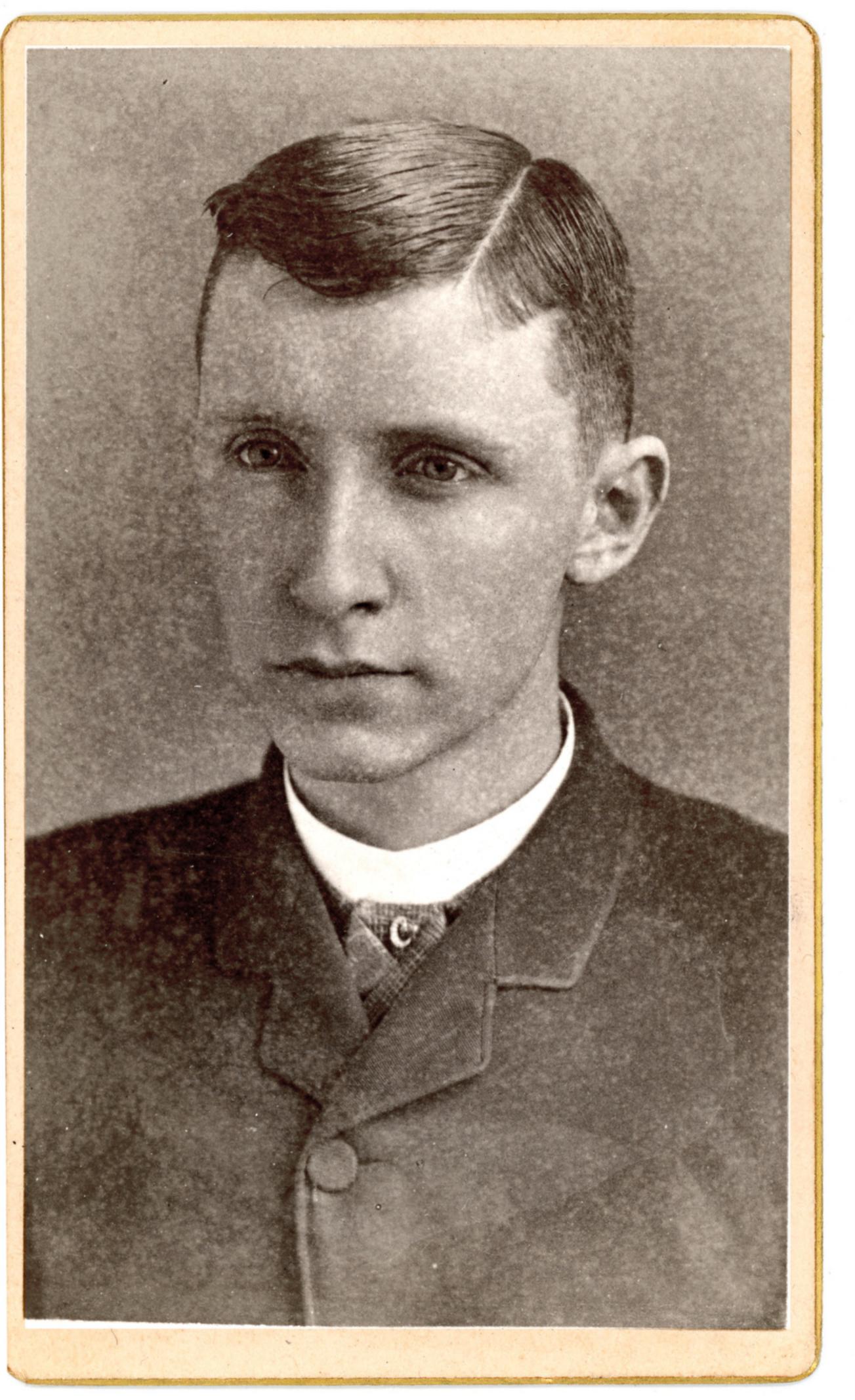




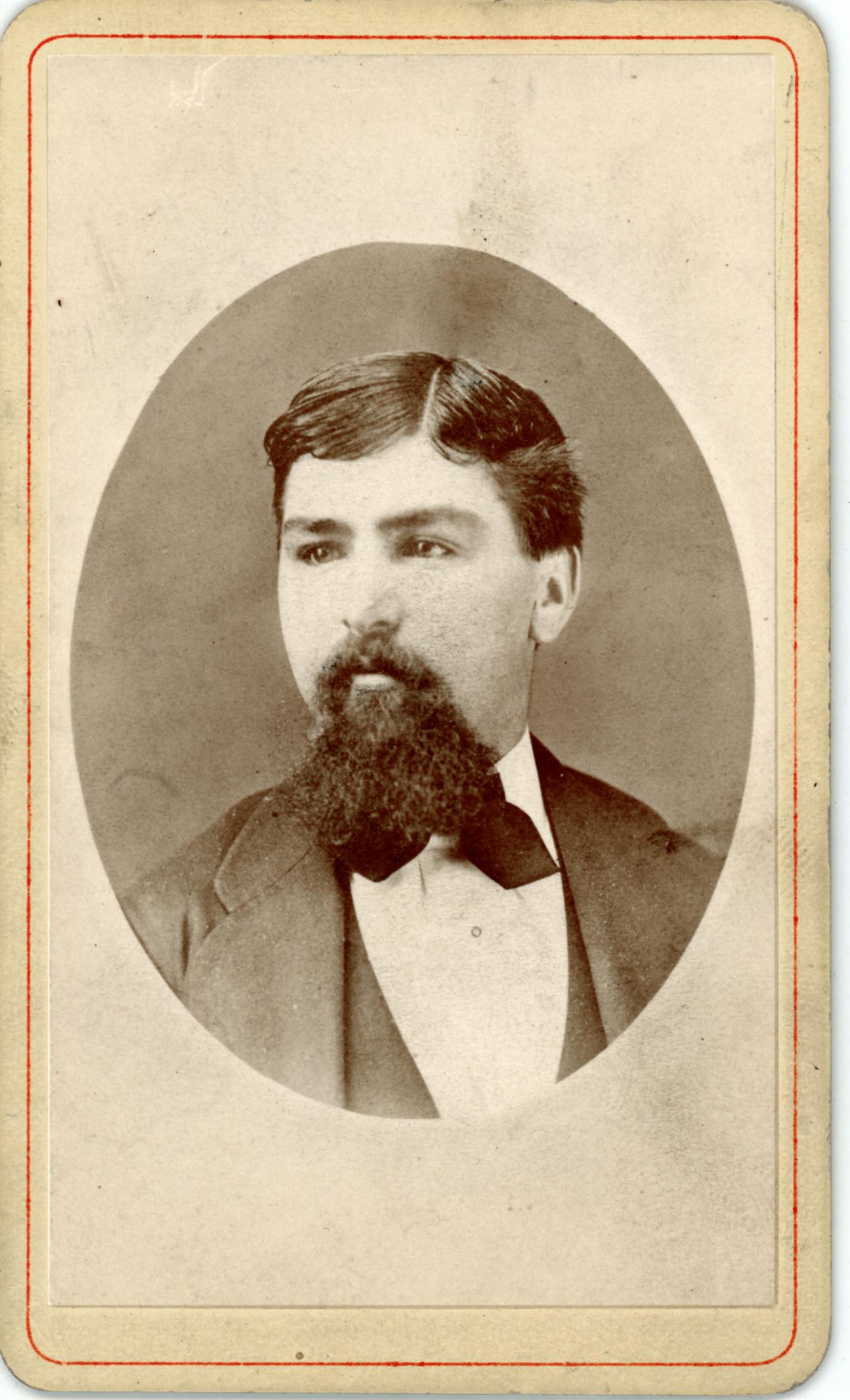
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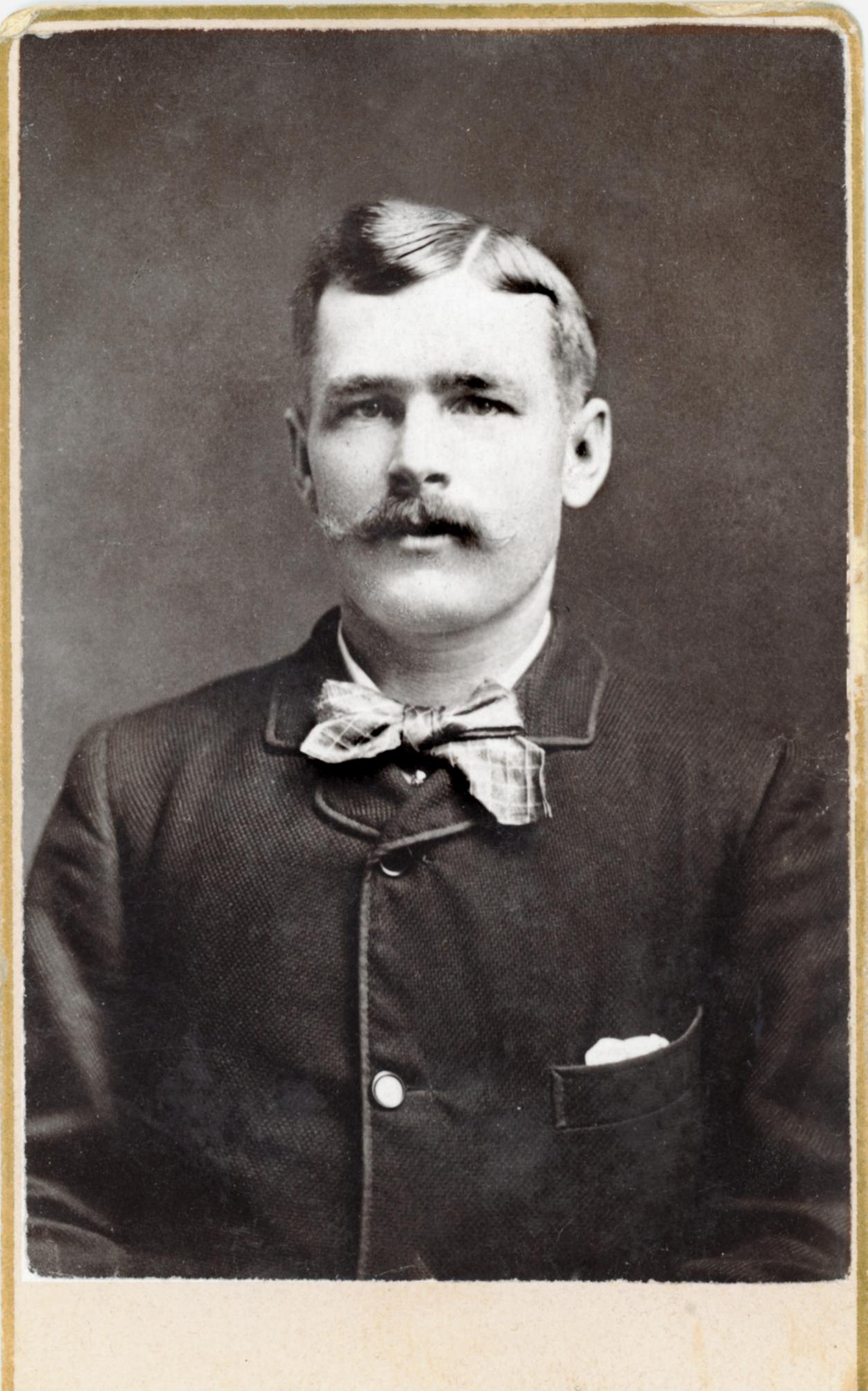






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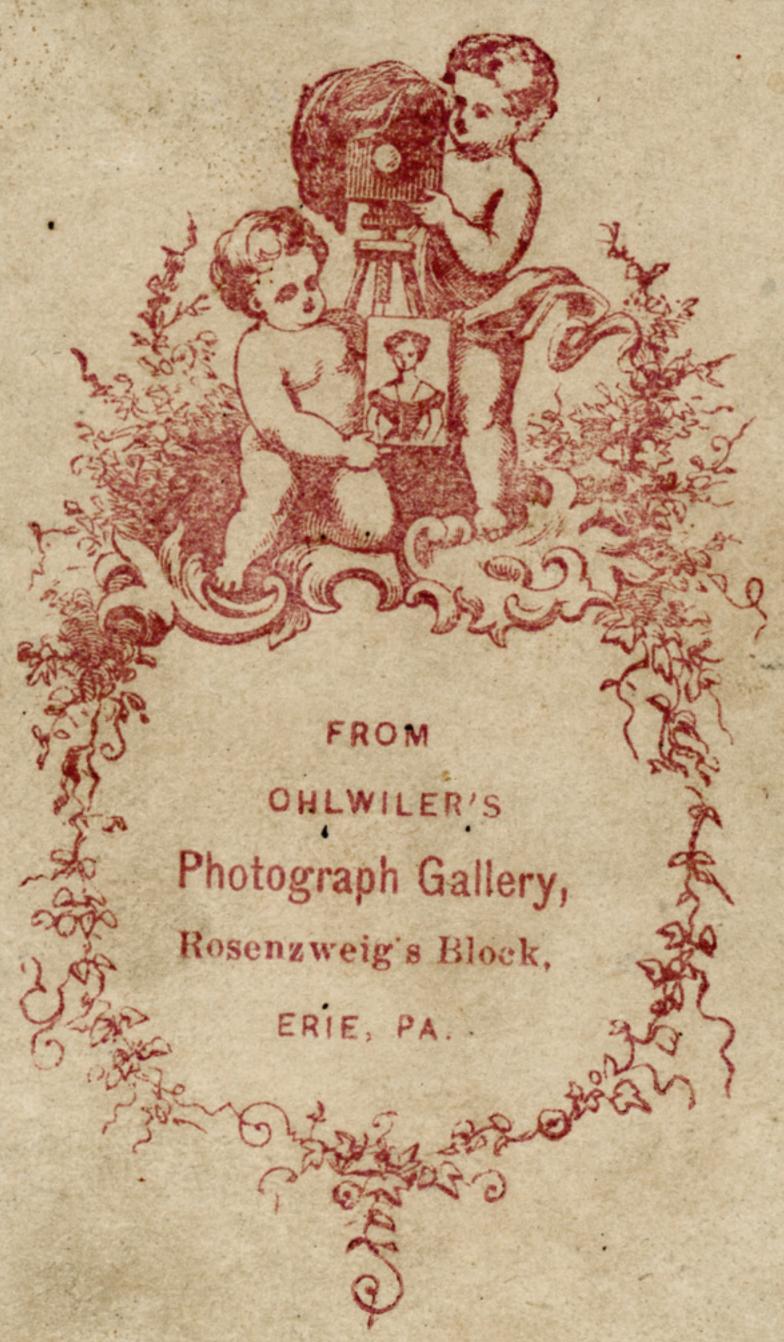


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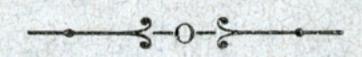


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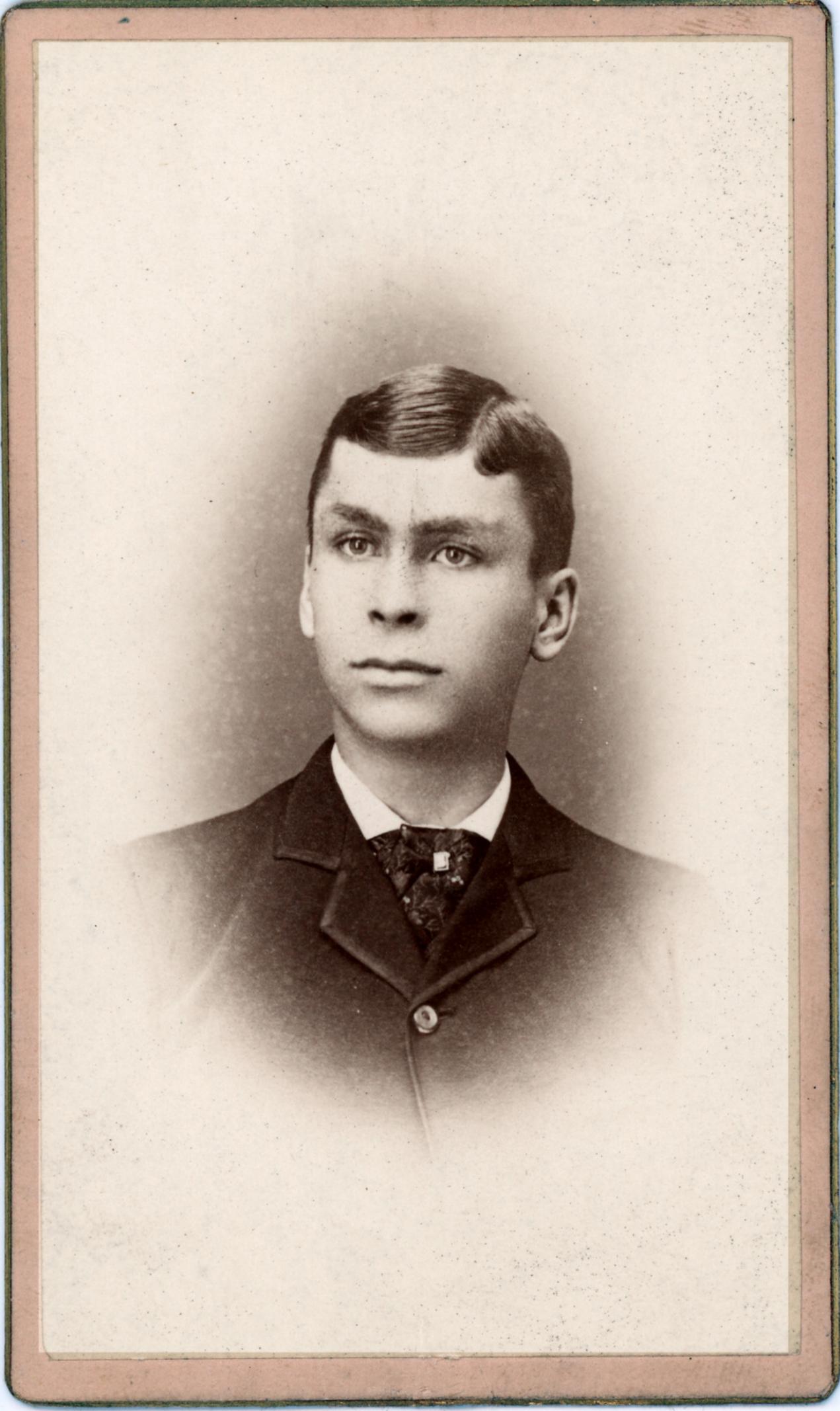
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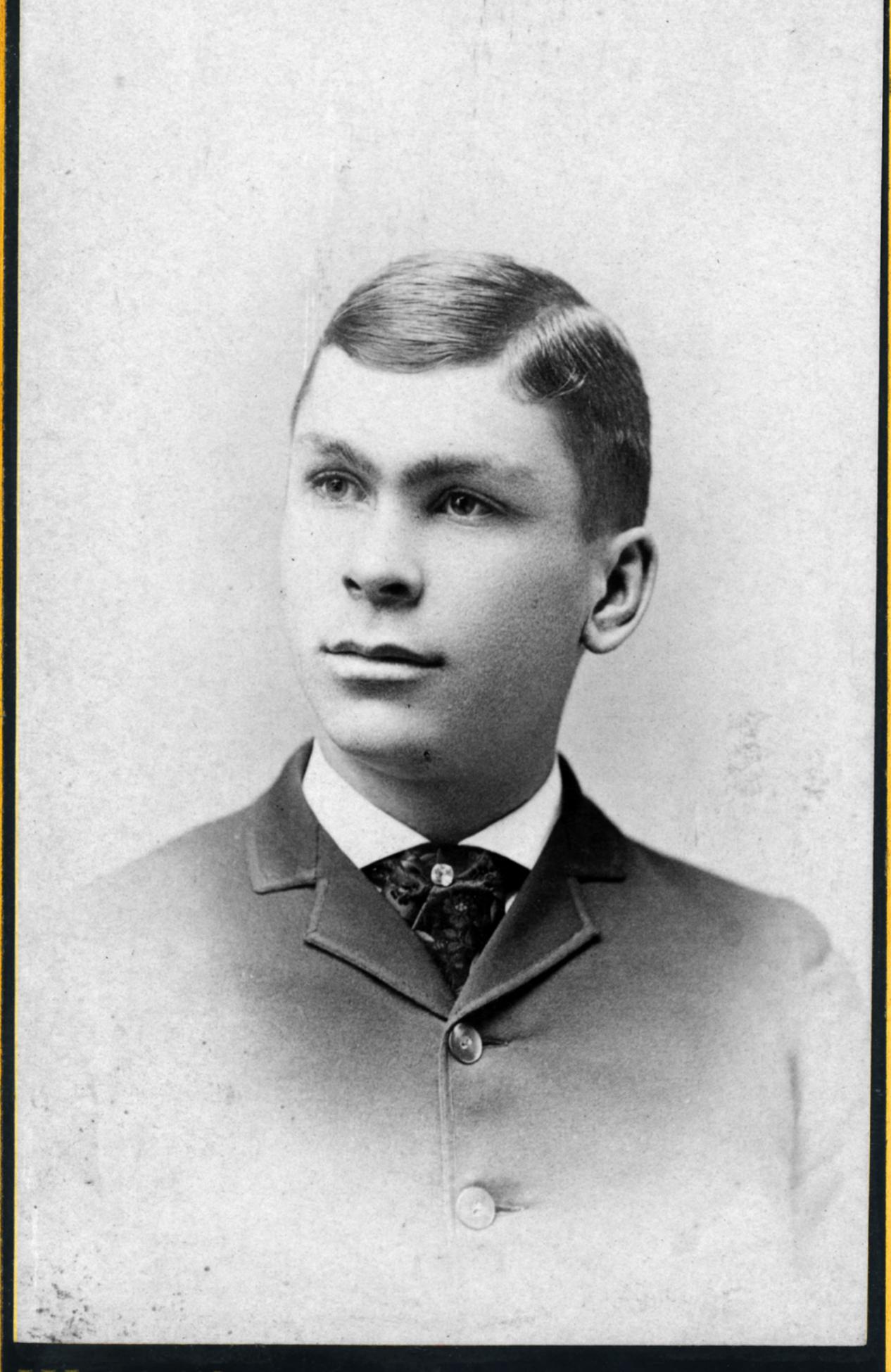


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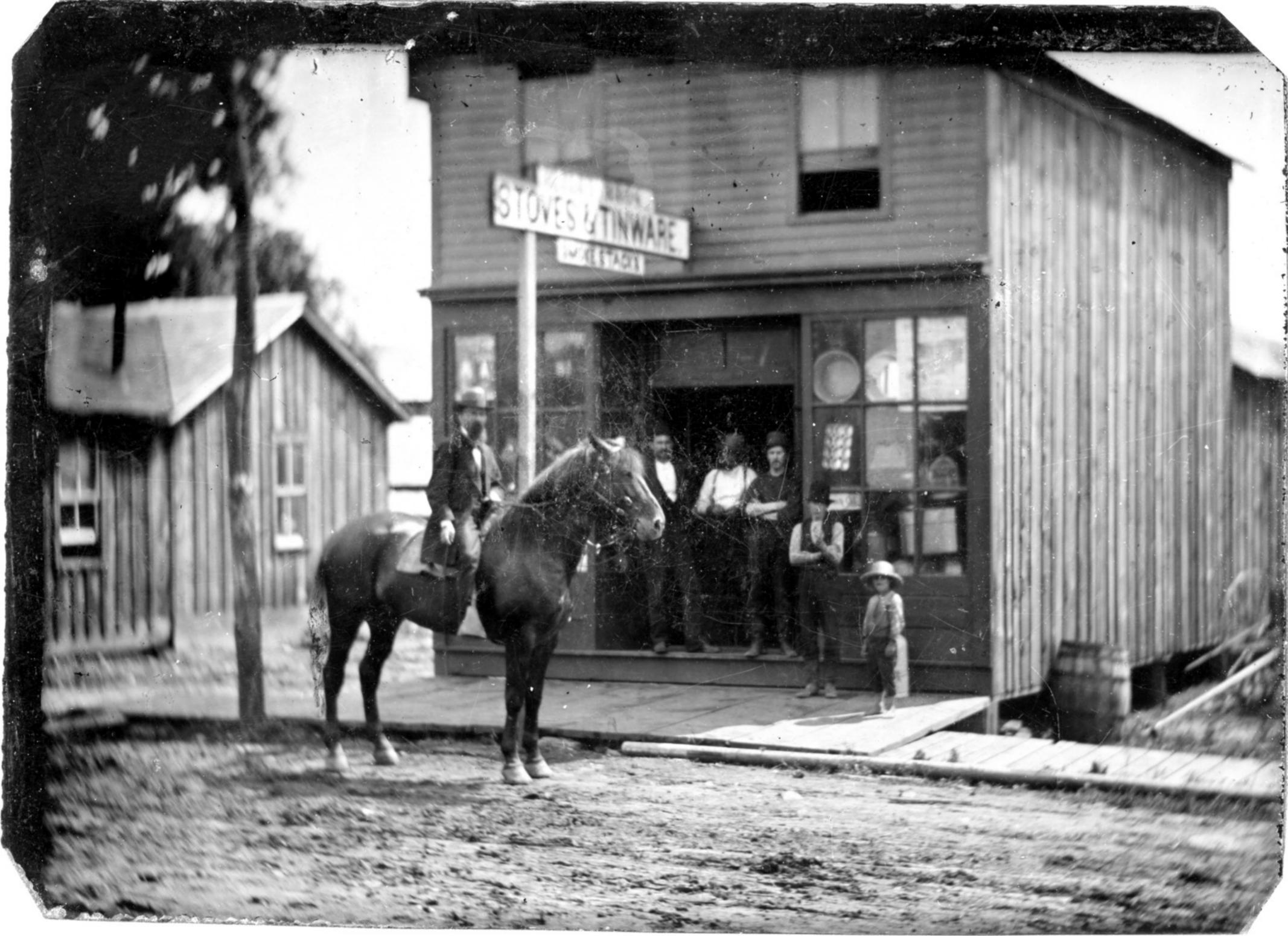
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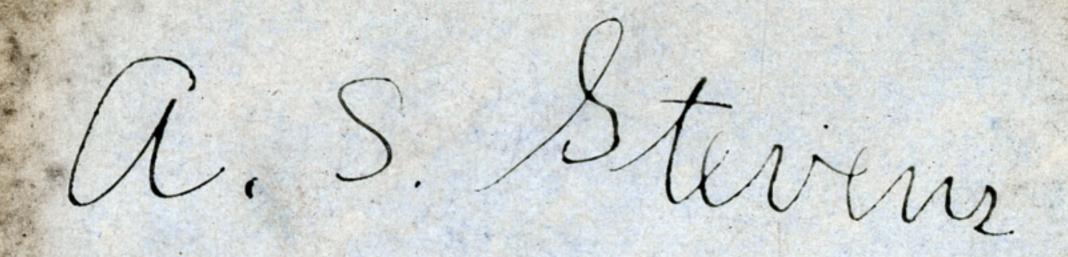






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