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### Descriptive Summary

|                              |   |
|------------------------------|---|
| <b>Title:</b>                | Boynton Collection  |
| <b>Dates:</b>                | circa 1856-1861   |
| <b>Collector:</b>            | Boynton, Edward C. (Edward Carlisle), 1824-1893   |
| <b>Physical Extent:</b>      | 4 boxes   |
| <b>Repository:</b>           | University of Mississippi. Department of Archives and Special Collections. University, MS 38677, USA  |
| <b>Identification:</b>       | MUM00661  |
| <b>Language of Material:</b> | English   |
| <b>Abstract:</b>             | Glass plate negatives of antebellum scenes of the University of Mississippi campus as well as family photographs and self-portraits of Edward C. Boynton. |

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### Administrative Information

#### Processing Information

Collection processed by Archives & Special Collections staff.

## Additions

No further additions are expected to this collection.

## Alternative Formats

The Boynton Collection has been [digitized](#) and is available online through the [University Archives Photographs digital collection](#).

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## Subject Terms

University of Mississippi -- History  
University of Mississippi -- Buildings  
Boynton, Edward C. (Edward Carlisle), 1824-1893

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## Formats

collodion negatives  
ambrotypes (photographs)

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## Biographical Note

Edward Carlisle Boynton, born 1824 in Windsor, Vermont, graduated from the West Point Military Academy in 1846 and served twelve years in the United States Army before joining the University of Mississippi faculty in 1856. Boynton was as a Professor of Chemistry, Mineralogy, and Geology until the outbreak of the Civil War when he was dismissed from the University in 1861.

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## Scope and Content Note

Edward Carlisle Boynton, a Professor of Chemistry, Mineralogy, and Geology at the University of Mississippi from 1856 until 1861, was an avid photographer. The collection contains glass plate negatives of antebellum scenes of the University of Mississippi campus as well as family photographs and self-portraits.

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## Related Material

### Resources at the University of Mississippi

For more visual collections housed in the Archives & Special Collections, see our [Photograph Collections subject guide](#).

For more materials related to the history of the University of Mississippi, see our [University of Mississippi subject guide](#).

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## Container List

- 1.1 Edward C. Boynton, sitting in a suit with his arms crossed (collodion glass plate negative . 4 3/16" x 3 1/4")  
*Note:* bottom of negative slightly chipped
- 1.2 Edward C. Boynton, standing next to equipment in lab (collodion glass plate negative . 3 1/4" x 4 3/16")
- 1.3 Edward C. Boynton, standing next to equipment in lab (collodion glass plate negative . 3 1/4" x 4 3/16")  
*Note:* left upper corner slightly chipped
- 1.4 Edward C. Boynton, standing next to equipment in lab (collodion glass plate negative . 3 1/4" x 4 3/16")  
*Note:* BROKEN, in very poor condition
- 1.5 Edward C. Boynton's daughter, sitting on a sofa (collodion glass plate negative . 4 3/16" x 3 3/16")  
*Note:* bottom left corner chipped
- 1.6 Edward C. Boynton's daughter, sitting on a sofa (ambrotype . 4" x 3 3/16")  
*Note:* finger print in upper left corner
- 1.7 Edward C. Boynton's daughter, sitting on a sofa (ambrotype . 4" x 3 3/16")
- 1.8 Edward C. Boynton's son, sitting on a sofa, nude (collodion glass plate negative . 4 3/16" x 3 3/16")
- 1.9 Edward C. Boynton's son, standing on a sofa, nude (collodion glass plate negative . 4 3/16" x 3 3/16")  
*Note:* scratched, chipped on lower right corner
- 1.10 Edward C. Boynton's wife, sitting in a chair (collodion glass plate negative . 4 3/16" x 3 3/16")  
*Note:* scratched, finger prints
- 1.11 Edward C. Boynton's wife, sitting on a sofa (collodion glass plate negative . 4 3/16" x 3 3/16")  
*Note:* scratched, poor condition
- 1.12 Unidentified woman, sitting on a sofa, holding a hat (collodion glass plate negative . 4 3/16" x 3 3/16")

*Note:* emulsion lost on woman's face, edges worn

- 2.1 Carriage House, exterior, girl, woman, and woman with carriage posed outside (collodion glass plate negative . 3 3/16" x 4 3/16")  
*Note:* emulsion spotted, some spots worn
- 2.2 Gymnasium building, exterior, students on fence and using a maypole (collodion glass plate negative . 3 3/16" x 4 3/16")  
*Note:* right hand corner slightly chipped
- 2.3 Gymnasium building exterior, students using a maypole and around the building (collodion glass plate negative . 3 3/16" x 4 3/16")
- 2.4 Gymnasium building, exterior, students using a maypole outside (collodion glass plate negative . 3 3/16" x 4 3/16")
- 2.5 Lyceum Building, exterior, students standing on stairs (collodion glass plate negative . 3 3/16" x 4 3/16")  
*Note:* emulsion spotted, some spots worn
- 2.6 Lyceum Building, exterior, students fighting on side of the building (collodion glass plate negative . 3 3/16" x 4 3/16")  
*Note:* scratched, thumb print
- 2.7 Mineral Collection, shelves (collodion glass plate negative . 3 3/16" x 4 3/16")
- 2.8 Mineral Collection, shelves (collodion glass plate negative . 3 3/16" x 4 3/16")  
*Note:* upper right corner broken off
- 2.9 Mineral Collection, shelves (collodion glass plate negative . 3 3/16" x 4 3/16")
- 2.10 Mineral Collection, shelves (collodion glass plate negative . 3 3/16" x 4 3/16")  
*Note:* scratched, emulsion off on sides
- 2.11 Mineral Collection, shelves (collodion glass plate negative . 3 3/16" x 4 3/16")  
*Note:* emulsion off on sides
- 3.1 Observatory Building, exterior, students in front of building (collodion glass plate negative . 3 1/4" x 4 3/16")  
*Note:* scratched
- 3.2 Old Stewart's Hall, exterior (collodion glass plate negative . 3 1/4" x 4 3/16")  
*Note:* scratched, thumb prints
- 3.3 Stewart's Hall, exterior, students in front of building (collodion glass plate negative . 3 3/16" x 4 3/16")  
*Note:* emulsion off on sides, poor condition
- 3.4 Stewart's Hall, exterior, students in front of building (collodion glass plate negative . 3 3/16" x 4 3/16")  
*Note:* emulsion off on sides, poor condition
- 3.5 Stewart's Hall, exterior, students in front of building (collodion glass plate negative . 3 3/16" x 4 3/16")  
*Note:* emulsion off on sides, poor condition, appears if someone tried to rub out students from image
- 4.1 Edward C. Boynton, self-portrait, 12 images (collodion glass plate negative . 3 1/2" x 6 3/4" )  
*Note:* spot in upper right hand corner, emulsion worn on corners
- 4.2 Edward C. Boynton, self-portrait, 2 images, with name etched into the emulsion ("Edward Boynton") (collodion glass plate negative . 3 1/2" x 6 3/4" )  
*Note:* signature appears to be etched by someone else

- 4.3 Stewart's Hall, exterior, students in front of building (collodion glass plate negative . 4 1/2" x 5 1/2")  
*Note: emulsion worn off on corners, spot in middle of plate*
- 4.4 Stewart's Hall, exterior, students in front of building (collodion glass plate negative . 4 1/2" x 5 1/2")  
*Note: emulsion worn off on corners*
- 4.5 Stewart's Hall, exterior, students in front of building (collodion glass plate negative . 4 1/2" x 5 1/2")  
*Note: emulsion worn off on corners*
- 4.6 Observatory Building, exterior, students in front of building (collodion glass plate negative . 4 1/2" x 5 1/2")  
*Note: BROKEN, in very poor condition*
- 4.7 Lyceum Building, students on stairs (collodion glass plate negative . 4 3/16" x 5 1/4")  
*Note: emulsion worn of corners, some cracking*
- 4.8 Lyceum Building, students fighting on the side, old Stewart's Hall in the background (collodion glass plate negative . 5 1/2" x 6 7/16")  
*Note: emulsion worn of corners*
- 4.9 Lyceum Building, students fighting on the side, old Stewart's Hall in the background (collodion glass plate negative . 5 1/2" x 6 7/16")  
*Note: emulsion worn of corners*