

Boston photographers (and related miscellany) cited in 19th century American photographic journals: a less than elegant guide

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I. Introduction – The Basics

This bibliographic database provides over 1800 annotated records referencing some 200 Boston photographers, stockdealers, and related topics cited in the major American photographic journals of the 19th century. The listing is hardly definitive; both the data gathering process and the fact that minor mentions or allusions to Boston photographers are not included make it incomplete. However, it is hoped the database can provide both a starting point for research and an incentive for others to provide additional information (and corrections) -- more on this below in the document, *Introduction – The Details*.

The database is in a very basic form of *Microsoft Excel*, with each record limited to one line wide. As such, the content of some fields, especially the “Notes” field, may not fully display until that specific field is selected. Users can modify the database to suit their individual preferences.

Once the user extracts the desired bibliographic citations, the first place to look for complete copy of the item is to search online document sources, such as Google Books (advanced book search), Hathitrust Digital Archives, Internet Archives. Also, Gary Ewer's impressive online database of photographic texts, graphics, and ephemera at <http://www.daguerreotypearchive.org/>. For other sources of information on Boston photographers, see *II. Introduction – The Details*, link below.

Articles not online will be found in the microfilm series: *History of Photography: Monographs & Periodicals* (489 reels, Research Publications, Woodbridge, CT, 1980?-1982). Many libraries have all or part of this series in their collections or it may be possible to request them through inter-library loan.

Database Files

To access the database, click the *Excel* link below; most browsers will allow the file to be downloaded. It is suggested, however, that users print or at least skim the information in the first three documents below, as they include:

- description of the database fields, along with some limitations
- glossary to keywords used
- glossary to Journal abbreviations, the Journal’s publication history, and the dates actually searched for this database
- perhaps more important, some explanation of idiosyncrasies that may well frustrate users, especially with regard to search functions

II. [*Introduction – The Details*](#)

III. [*Keywords Used in the Database*](#)

IV. [Abbreviations & Bibliographic Information for Journals Used](#)

V. [Boston Photographer's Excel Database](#)