

The Story of Cabinet Cards

Photography, Culture, and Visual History

What Is a Cabinet Card?



Turner & Co.

17, Upper Street,
Islington, N.

Why Cabinet Cards Matter



Photography Before Cabinet Cards

Daguerreotype
of [Louis](#)
[Daguerre](#) in 1844
by Jean-Baptiste
Sabatier-Blot



The Albumen Print Process



Rise of the Carte-de-Visite

Small, affordable portraits



Rise of the Carte-de-Visite



Parisian School of Photography
246, OLD KENT ROAD LONDON, S.E.

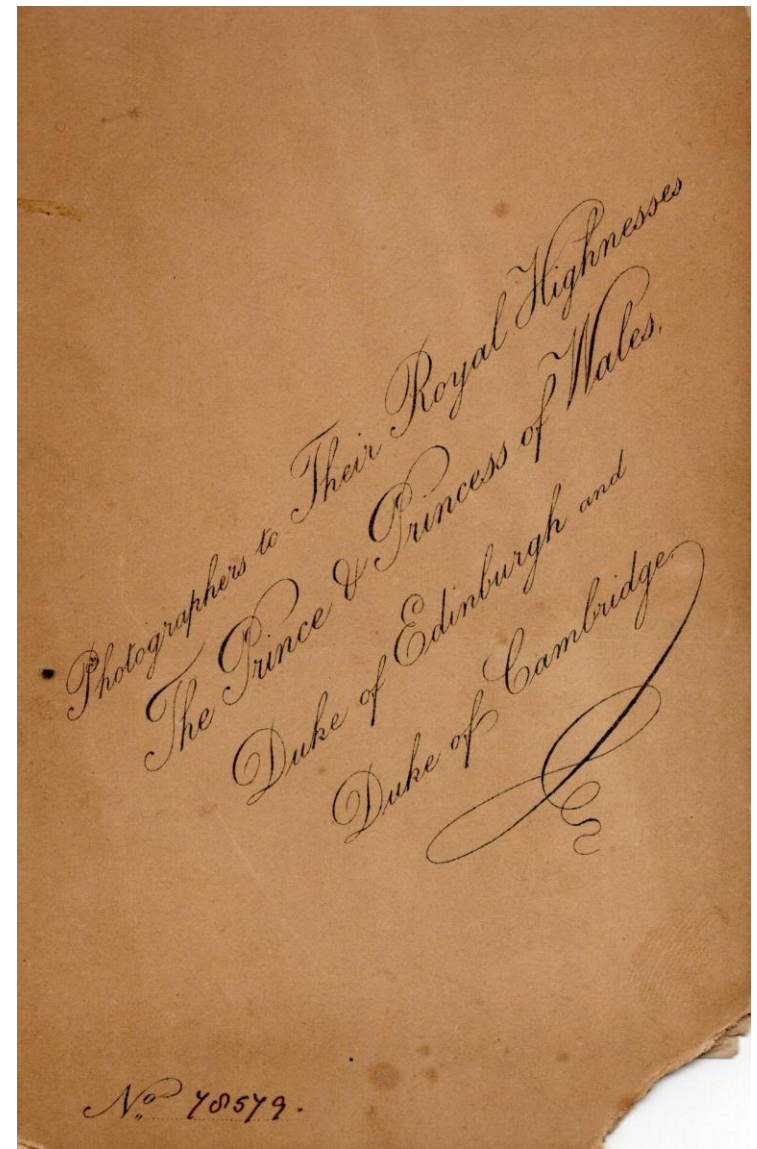
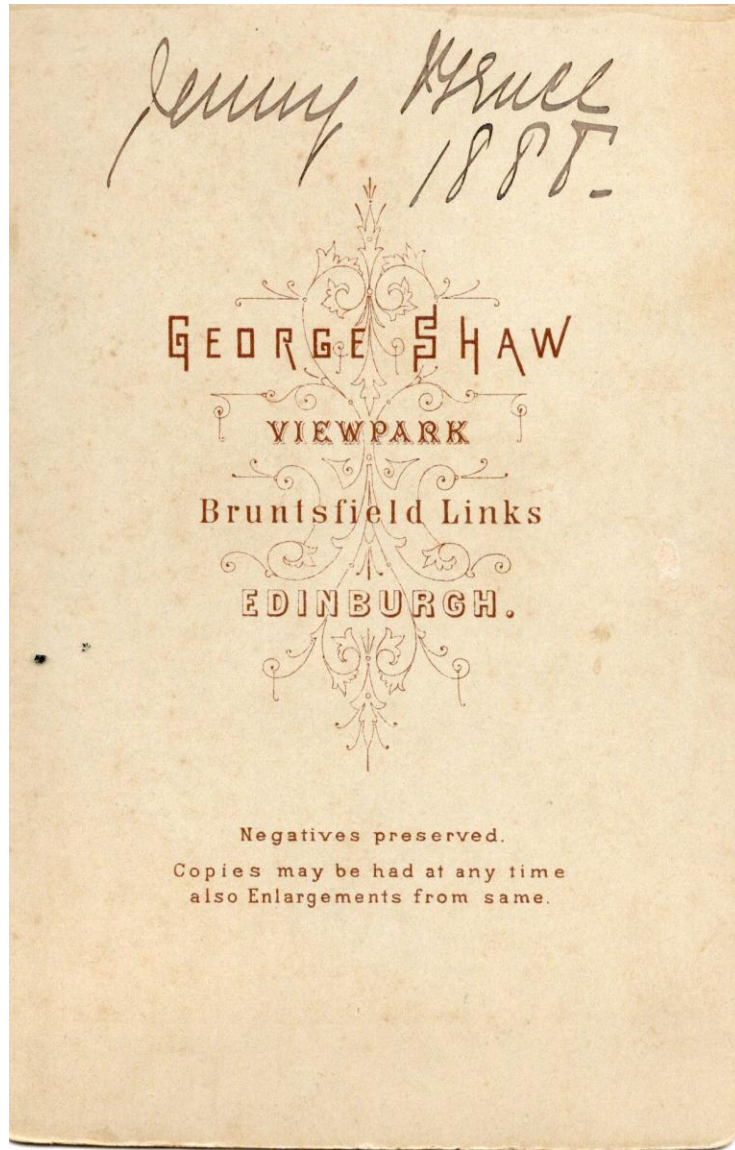


Ch. Gallandé
Grand'Rue 29. MONS.



G. Bernerdt
BEAUVAIS

Studio Branding



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Victorian Portrait Culture



Celebrity Cabinet Cards

Gaby Deslys - singer and actress

Hand coloured c.1910



Cabinet Cards as Collectibles

Princess Victoria 1890



Pauline Hall



Early Portrait Style (1860s)



Elaborate Studio Backdrops



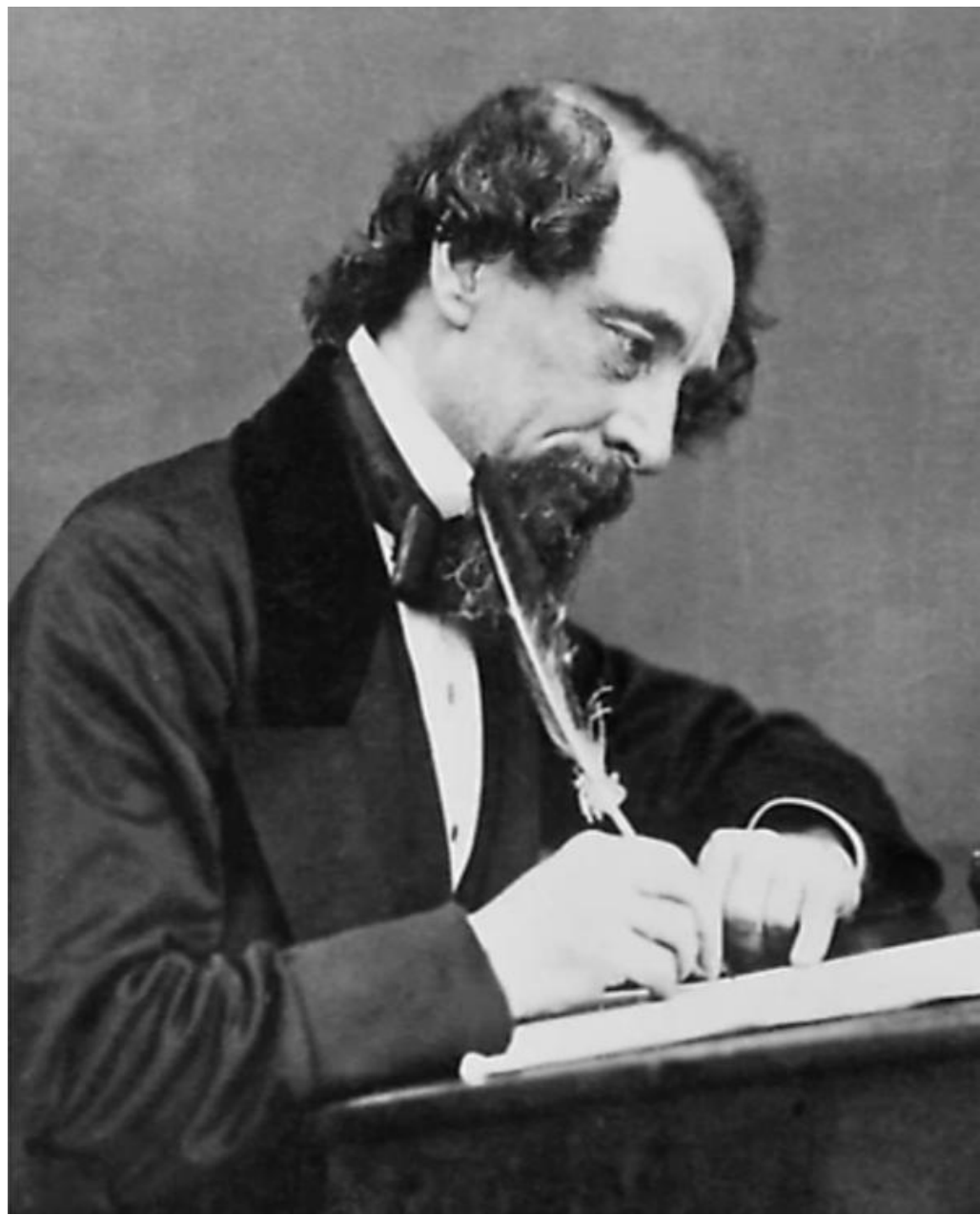
McElliott EXTRA FINISH 1730 N. CLARK ST. CHICAGO.



Campbell

340 & 344 Main St.,
NORFOLK, VA.

Props & Symbolism



Fashion Through Cabinet Cards



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Children's Portraits



G. SHAW.

VIEWPARK
BRUNTSFIELD LINKS,

EDINBURGH.

Childrens Portraits



Saml. J. Porter
Photographer
Maison Rouge, Ventrnor.



Protheroe



36 WINE STREET
BRISTOL.

Toys



Pets



Ethnic & Colonial



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Writing on the Back



September 1892

Kuman Able & Son

I think the wicked old bag
was Ralph's paternal
Grandmother.

John Russell & Son

CHICHESTER
AND SOUTHSEA

Writing on the Back



THE TWO DAUGHTERS OF
DR. MRS. JAMES MANN WILLIAMSON.
Nancy & Hilda

HILDA WAS THEIR FIRST
BORN AND KESSED ^{BY} PATIENT
(ON THE MOUTH) - A PARSON - IN FRONT
OF HER PARENTS!! AND
SUBSEQUENTLY DIED FROM T.B.

Hand-Colouring



Technological Shifts





End of the Cabinet Card Era

Rise of Snapshot Photography

Workmen with steam engine, possibly a pump c.1910



A Window Into the Victorian World



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