

**“The National Miniature Gallery,” 19 September 1851**

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**THE NATIONAL MINIATURE GALLERY.**

**N**O. 247 BROADWAY, CORNER OF MURRAY ST.,  
over Ball, Tompkins & Black’s. The attention of the public is requested to this establishment, for the production of Photographs on SILVER, IVORY, GLASS and PAPER; and as proof of their superiority, the Proprietor would state that he has received the first premiums of the American Institute, State Agricultural Society, and other Associations for the encouragements of the Arts, etc.

The facilities to make pictures are of the most superior kind, and each picture is done under the immediate supervision of the Proprietor, and the utmost pains taken to make it a gem of art.

The Gallery is the most extensive in the world, and contains the Portraits of nearly all the most eminent men of the age, of which there are nearly ten to one of any other establishment in New-York. Among the collection will be found the following, and many other, too numerous to mention in an advertisement:

Andrew Jackson,	Gen./ Gaines,	Rev. Dr. Soudder,
Henry Clay,	Gen. Morgan,	Rev. Dr. Cook,
Daniel Webster,	Gen Clinch	Rev. Dr. Knox,
James K. Polk,	Gen Eaton,	Rev. Dr. Vermillye,
Albert Gallatin,	Gen. Leslie Combs,	Rev. Dr. Beecher,
John C. Calhoun,	Gen. Towson,	Prof. Meigs,
Dixon H. Lewis,	Com. T. Ap.C.Jones,	Prof. Patison,
Thos. H. Benton,	Com. Shubrick,	Mad’lle Jagello,
James Buchannan,	Com. Morris,	Jenny Lind,
Wm. H. Seward,	Com. Warrington,	Parodi,
J. M. Clayton,	Sir John Herschell,	Mrs. Gen. Macomb,
Wm. L. Marcy,	John J. Audubon,	J. Fennim’e Cooper,
H. S. Foote,	Prof. Baily,	Jas. Watson Webb,
John Tyler,	Francis Granger,	C. C. More,
Howell Cobb,	Sidney Bresse,	J. T. Headley,
D. S. Dickinson,	B. Tappan,	Caleb Lyon

J. M. Berrien,	Col. Chas. G. May,	Horace Greeley,
Reverdy Johnson,	Col. McKinney,	John Inman,
G. McDuffie,	Co. Henry G. DeL.,	James R. Lowell,
C. A. Wickliffe,	Col. Cress,	Thomas Ritchie,
Hamilton Fish,	Col. Burton,	Judge Story,
Washington Hunt,	Col. Bankhead,	Judge Woodbury,
Caleb Cushing,	Maj. Bliss,	Judge Edmonds,
A. H. Stevens,	Maj. Polk,	Judge Parker,
C. J. Ingersoll,	Maj. Popham,	Judge Dickerson,
Millard Fillmore,	Maj. Bragg,	Judge Talmadge,
Martin Van Buren,	Maj. Shelton,	Rev. Dr. Taylor,
Silas Wright,	Maj. McCall,	Rev. Dr. Spring,
John C. Spencer,	Maj. Douglass,	Rev. Dr. Hutton,
W. P. Mangum,	Maj. Walker,	Rev. Southard,
Tom Corwin,	Maj. Scriven,	Rev. Dr. Gurta Uno-
John McLean,	Com. Carpenter,	nius,
J. J. Crittenden,	Com. Aulie,	Rev. Dr. Krebs,
Thos. Ewing,	Com. Hunter,	Rev. Dr. Brownlee,
Abbott Lawrence,	Com. Eogle,	Rev. Dr. Krebs,
Wm. Wilkins,	Com. Shields,	Rev. Dr. Hawks,
G. M. Dallas,	Prof. Espy,	Rev. Dr. Tuston,
S. S. Phelps,	Prof. Morse,	Rev. Dr. Betts,
W. R. King,	Prof. Herring,	Rev. Dr. Reichardt,
John A. Dix,	Mrs. Madison,	Rev. Dr. Cox,
W. L. Gwinn,	Mrs. Polk,	Rev. Dr. Brundage,
Wm. G. Preston,	Mr. Jackson,	Rev. Dr. Griswold,
Wm. Meredith,	Mrs. Renwick,	Rev. Dr. Freling-
Cave Johnson,	Mr. J. C. Spencer,	huysen,
N. K. Hall,	Mrs. A. S. Stephens,	Thomas Cole, Artist,
W. C. Bouck,	Mrs. J. Q. Adams,	C. Eliot,
Cassius M. Clay,	Wm. C. Bryant,	D. Huntington,
C. Ashley,	Charles, King,	S. A. Mount,
J. C. Bates,	A. H. Everett,	D. W. C. Boutell,"
J. M. Botts,	Edwin Crowell,	P. P. Lawson,
Wm. T. Colquitt,	C. Edwards Lester,	Mr. Saunders,
T. W. Gilmer,	Epes Sargent,	Hr. Saunders,
S. A. Douglass,	L. G. Clarke,	J. Inman,
R. Toombs,	Geo. P. Morris,	Wm. Page,
Gen. Taylor,	Wm. T. Potter,	F. W. Edmonds,
Gen. Scott,	Joseph Gales,	W. S. Mount,
Gen. Butler,	Chancellor Kent,	George Harvey,
Gen. Pillow,	Chauc'r Walworth,	T. H. Matteson,
Gen. Worth,	Father Mathew,	Mr. Ingham,
Gen. Houston,	Bishop Smith, (Ky.)	Mr. Tuckerman,
Gen. Garland,	Bishop Hughes,	D. Lord, Jr.,
Gen. McNeil,	Rev. Dr. Nott,	Ogden Hoffman,
Philip Hone,	Robert Owen,	Wm. Norris,
Benjamin Stagg,	Edwin Forrest,	J. G. Birney,

C. Hoffman, Sol. Smith G. W. Kendall,  
John Jay, Edward Curtis, P. T. Barnum, and  
David Paul Brown, Wm. Jay, about 1000 others,  
distinguished as statesmen, authors, heroes, poets, warriors,  
divines, artists, etc., etc., forming a collection as valuable as  
rare, and well worthy a visit from all.

Those who wish portraits of themselves or friends, are re-  
quested to call, as they are warranted every satisfaction, or  
no charge.

Every variety of cases, etc., always on hand.

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**D. E. GAVIT**, Principal Operator.

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**EDITOR'S NOTES:**

The "National Miniature Gallery" was the earlier endeavor of Edward Anthony in company with Jonas M. Edwards, James Robert Chilton, or James [or Isaiah] R. Clark. For a description of their work, see "By the Southern Mail," *New York Herald* 11:73 (15 March 1845): n.p. (fourth page of issue).<sup>1</sup> Another reviewer provides the following:

One of the sights of the city, and by no means the least attractive one, is the *National Miniature Gallery*, at the corner of Broadway and Murray-street. What an array is there of heads!—poets, painters, statesmen and heroes; the evidence of truth stamped on each likeness. MESSRS. ANTHONY, CLARK AND COMPANY have recently made some very important alterations in their *modus operandi*, which are deserving of especial notice, as they supply all that daguerreotypes have hitherto lacked—an artistic arrangement of light and shade. The 'National Miniature Gallery' is one of the metropolitan 'lions,' and will as well repay a visit as any museum in town.<sup>2</sup>

The gallery was sold to David E. Gavit in 1850.

A few months after the appearance of this advertisement, a fire would originate in the mercury room of the gallery, and destruction resulted on the evening of Saturday, 13 February 1852. The gallery, uninsured, was a total loss amounting to \$3,000.00.<sup>3</sup>

1. [http://www.daguerreotypearchive.org/texts/N8450002\\_HERALD\\_ANTH-ED-PLUMBE\\_1845-03.pdf](http://www.daguerreotypearchive.org/texts/N8450002_HERALD_ANTH-ED-PLUMBE_1845-03.pdf)

2. "Editor's Table," *Knickerbocker, or New-York Monthly Magazine* 27:6 (June 1846): 563.

2. "Fire in Broadway," *New-York Daily Times* 1:129 (16 February 1852): n.p. (first page of issue).

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