

Nye's Gallery of Art

Active Dates: 1845¹-?

Gallerist: Gideon Nye

Location:

The Art Union Room, No. 497 Broadway²
Lyceum Gallery, No. 563 Broadway³

Specialty: The gallery is most remembered for its Old Masters collection of paintings, sculptures, and engravings.⁴

Gallery History

Gideon Nye (1812-1888)⁵ is most notably remembered as a peripheral figure involved in Chinese- American trade: in 1843 he formed the House of Nye Parkin & Co. and in 1853 he withdrew from this firm and it was renamed Nye Brothers & Co. Nye spent minimal time in New York. His affiliation with the art world primarily has to do with his personal investments in art as a collector.habits. He turned to New York in 1845 and exhibited a collection of paintings he bought in London which are affiliated with the Gallery of the Lyceum Building, a temporary rental space.⁶ Many existing records discuss Nye's aspirations towards finding a permanent gallery space that resembles the British Gallery in London.⁷

¹ "Spent in China Trade: A Sketch of the Life of the Late Gideon Nye," *The New York Times* (New York, NY), March 4, 1888, 3, accessed April 20, 2020,

<https://timesmachine.nytimes.com/timesmachine/1888/03/04/103163483.html?auth=login-email&pageNumber=3>.

² "Ancient Art in the New World," *Emerson's Magazine and Putnam's Monthly*, May 1858, 492, accessed April 20, 2020,

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³ Nye Gideon, *Catalogue of the Pictures Forming the Collection of the Works of the Old Masters* (New York, NY: G. F Nesbitt, printer, 1849), 2, accessed April 20, 2020,

https://www.google.com/books/edition/Catalogue_of_the_Pictures_Forming_the_Co/Ba0aAAAAAYAAJ?hl=en&gbpv=1.

⁴ "New Gallery of Paintings," *The New York Times* (New York, NY), March 4, 1858, 4, accessed April 20, 2020.

⁵ "Nye, Gideon, 1812-1888," The Frick Collection, last modified February 7, 2020, accessed April 24, 2020, <https://research.frick.org/directory/detail/1254>.

⁶ "Spent in China," 3.

⁷ Gideon, *Catalogue of the Pictures*, 23.

Illustrations

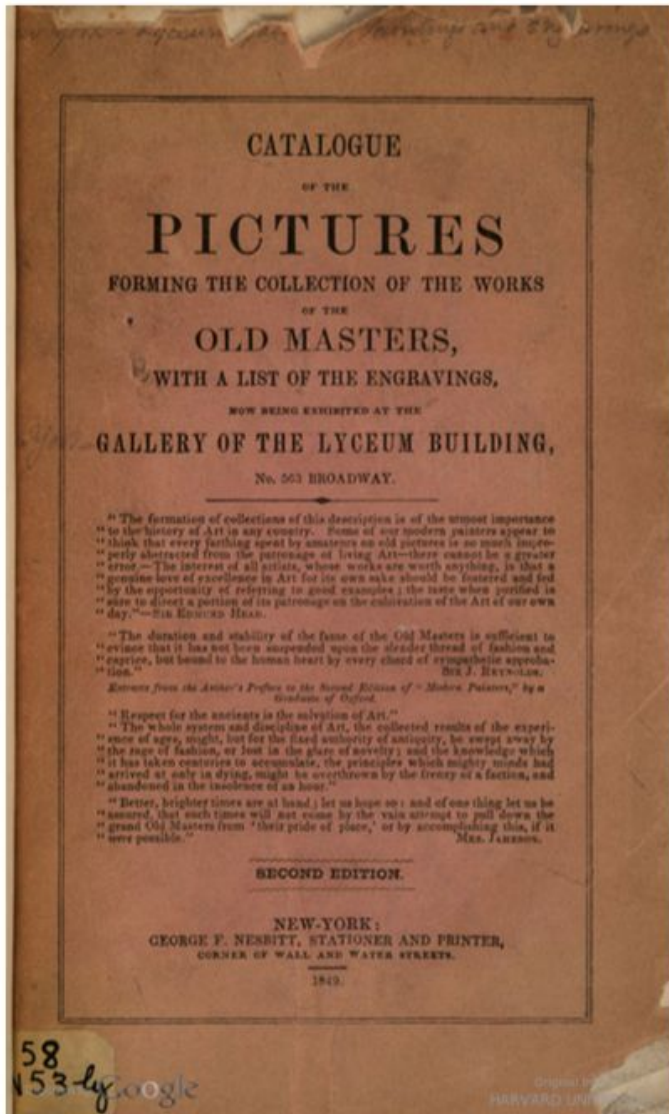


Figure 1. Catalogue of the Pictures Forming the Collection of the Works of the Old Masters, With a List of Engravings: Now Being Exhibited At the Gallery of the Lyceum Building, No. 563 Broadway. 2nd ed. New York: G.F. Nesbitt, 1849.⁸

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⁸ *Catalogue of the Pictures Forming the Collection of the Works of the Old Masters*, second ed. (New York, NY: George F. Nesbitt, Stationer and Printer, 1849), 9, accessed April 24, 2020, <https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=hvd.32044034470062&view=1up&seq=12>

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