1971.042.001 Drawing

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Description

Pastel portrait of Fannie Richards (1840-1923), first black school teacher in Detroit, wearing dark brown dress with single ruffle at neck, having short gray hair and gold-rimmed glasses. In gilded and brown wood frame, under glass. This portrait was created using an enhanced photograph #1993.013.001 as a reference.

Fannie Richards was the first African Amercian teacher in Detroit Public Schools and lived to see the illiteracy of the African American race reduced from 29.5 to 3.5 in Detroit and teaching corps increased from 1 in a seperate school to 17 in a mixed schools.