

## December 12, 2007 - Slaughter Announces NEA Grant For George Eastman House

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&ldquo;I am very pleased that the NEA has recognized the importance of preserving these historically significant photographs, which offer a first glimpse of photography as an artistic medium,&rdquo; said Rep. Slaughter. &ldquo;We are fortunate that such a unique body of work is housed in our community and that the National Endowment for the Arts is making the resources available to ensure that future generations will be able to admire and learn from this extraordinary collection.&rdquo;

The Albert Sands Southworth and Josiah Johnson Hawes collection of daguerreotype photographs contains over 1,200 pieces, which includes photographs of Daniel Webster, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Harriet Beecher Stowe, and other significant figures of American history. The George Eastman House proudly houses nearly half of

the Southworth and Hawes daguerreotypes in existence today.

This grant award comes as one of six Save America's Treasures grants that the NEA is awarding to help preserve and conserve nationally significant collections, documents, statues, and works of art around the country.

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