Primary Maker: Unidentified maker
Title: Framed leaves from Abraham Lincoln's bier
Date: 1865
Medium: Albumen photograph, plant material, ink, silk ribbon, wood gilding
Dimensions: Framed: 8 3/4 x 7 1/4 x 1 in. (22.2 x 18.4 x 2.5 cm)
Credit Line: Gift of Mrs. Georgine Wood Charlton
Object Number: 1947.47

Classification: HISTORIC RELICS

Curatorial Remarks:
This laurel was taken by Jeremiah Wood from Abraham Lincoln's bier while he lay in state in City Hall. After Lincoln's assassination, his funeral train arrived in New York City early on 24 April. The cortege followed a route from Desbrosses Street to City Hall Park, and Lincoln's body lay in state at City Hall from 1 p.m. until noon the next day, when the cortege traveled up Broadway to the depot of the Hudson River Railroad.

Physical Description:
Spray of laurel taken from Abraham Lincoln's bier while he lay in state at City Hall; in gilded oval frame together with small cut-out albumen photograph of Lincoln and a black and white crossed ribbon.
Inscribed: Inscribed in ink below laurel: "[Th]is laurel lay on President Lincoln's heart / while lying in state for three days in / City Hall in New York April 25th / 1865"; inscribed in pencil on reverse of frame: "Gift of Mrs. Georgine Wood Charlton / 2/11/47 / Taken from Lincoln's bier by Jeremiah Wood"

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