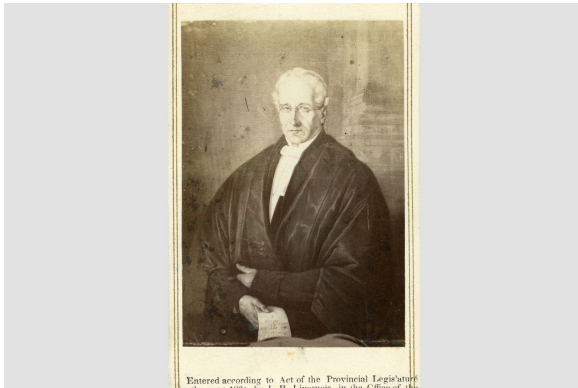


Business card

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Black and white photograph of Austin Cuvilliers (1779-1849), a traitor to the Patriotes. He was a Canadian businessman and politician.

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Fabricant / Éditeur Livernois

Period 1st half of the 19th century

Medium and Support silver print, paper; cardboard

Technique glued, printed

Historical context

This calling card, a cardboard-mounted photograph made by Livernois in 1861, shows the portrait of Austin (Augustin) Cuvillier (1779-1849) as President of the Assembly of the Province of Canada. The painting itself is a copy by Théophile Hamel (1817-1870), commissioned by the government of the Province of Canada in 1853 to create portraits of the presidents of the Assembly since 1791.

Austin Cuvillier was a successful Montreal businessman who also had a political career as early as 1814. Associated with the Patriote Party, he was one of three delegates sent to London in 1828 to present demands for reform. On his return, he distanced himself from his party and became a militia officer during the Patriote rebellions of 1837 and 1838. Re-elected in 1841, he became President of the Assembly until 1844. Between 1857 and 1865, Jules-Isaïe Benoit dit Livernois (1830-1865) practiced photography in Quebec City. In addition to making portraits, he devoted himself to copying paintings and other objects in order to make them known to the general public.