

## Brief Bios on Photographers in Our Auctions

**David Davidson (1881-1967):** Davidson worked out of Providence RI in his small, family-run business. While attending Brown University, Davidson had also attended the church where Wallace Nutting was the Minister. David Davidson and Wallace Nutting had clearly collaborated and were friendly competitors in later years. Overall, it appears that the Davidson was #4 in total photographic output, following *Wallace Nutting, Fred Thompson & Charles Sawyer*.

**Wallace Nutting (1861-1941):** Wallace Nutting was America's foremost photographer during the early 20th c. and claims to have sold millions of his hand-colored photographs prior to the advent of color printing. Working from Southbury CT (1905-1912) and Framingham MA (1912-1941), Nutting was also a Minister, Author, and Furniture Maker. In our opinion, Nutting sold more hand-colored photos than all other photographers combined.

**Charles Henry Sawyer (1868-1954...the Father):** Actually there were two "Sawyers". *Charles Henry Sawyer* started the Sawyer Picture Company in Maine prior to moving his business to Concord NH to be closer to the White Mountains tourism market. His son, Harold Boardman Sawyer, joined the family business after the passing of his father. Charles Sawyer had clearly collaborated with Wallace Nutting early in his career and, in our opinion, Sawyer was #2 in photographic output, following only Wallace Nutting in total sales. Nearly all of the Sawyer pictures were Exterior scenes, and only one Colonial Interior scene has ever been found.

**Harold Boardman Sawyer (d. 1980...the Son):** Harold, the son of Charles Sawyer, joined the family business and continued it after his father's death in 1954.

**Fred'k B Scheetz:** Frederick Scheetz was a Philadelphia PA area photographer who primarily photographed Philadelphia's *Fairmont Park* area.

**Frederick Herbert Thompson (1844-1909...the Father):** Actually there were two "Fred Thompsons". **Frederick H. Thompson** founded "*The Thompson Art Company*" (sometimes called *TACO*). The Thompsons worked out of Portland Maine and their photographic output was mostly from New England. Overall, it appears that the Thompsons were #3 in total photographic output, following *Wallace Nutting and Charles Sawyer*. There is also evidence that Frederick H. Thompson and Wallace Nutting had collaborated and were friendly competitors.

**Frederick Munson Thompson (1876-1923...the Son):** In 1909 *Frederick H. Thompson* died and his son "*Frederick M. Thompson*" ran the family business until he died in 1923.