

Website Art Hunt: Unidentified Male with a Bicycle

Visit Historic Arkansas Museum's online collection to find this artwork and answer the following questions about it.

What year was the photograph taken? _____

What is this type of photograph called? _____

ABOUT THE ARTIST AND THE ARTWORK:

T. J. Echols had his studio at the base of the Free Bridge. Have you heard of the Free Bridge? It was the first bridge built to connect Little Rock and North Little that was not a railroad bridge. The Free Bridge was for wagons, pedestrians, and bicyclists. It was located where the present-day Main Street Bridge between Little Rock and North Little Rock is located.

FAST FACTS: The first verifiable bicycle was invented in 1817 by a German Baron named Karl von Drais. Drais also invented the earliest form of a typewriter with a keyboard. Bicycles were called *velocipedes* in the 1800s.

ENGAGE: Let's go ride a bike! Social distancing right now may prevent us from doing some of the things we'd like to do but being outdoors isn't one of them, as long as we follow the rules and are safe. Ride a bike, take a walk, read a book in your yard. Soak in some of the sunshine.



EXPLORE: Why do you think this man choose to pose for a picture with his bicycle? _____

VOCABULARY:

Velocipede- a human powered land vehicle with one or more wheels, the most common of which today is the bicycle
Cabinet Card- thin photograph mounted on thin cardboard or cardstock that was approximately 4 ¼ x 6 ½ inches

Frameworks: Frameworks: RST.6-12.6

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