



PHOTOGRAPHER: **HUGH S. ANDERSON** (born between 1820 and 1828, Scotland; active in Petaluma 1874 or 1875 -1876)

SITTER: “Standing Man With Top Hat”

DATE: between 1874 and 1876

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This gentleman is dressed in his Sunday best for his portrait. He wears a wool sack coat with a wool vest and slacks of fashionably mismatched checks. His watch chain crosses his vest and is secured in his vest button hole. He sports a wedding ring and holds an unidentifiable object in his left hand. His highly fashionable, expensive top hat is prominently displayed upside down, which was the custom.

To view an authentic, 19th century top hat accompanied by its original storage box and portrait of its top-hat-attired owner, find the exhibit's display dedicated to John Cavanaugh.

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