Question For Seller
This PDF contains the captions that appeared with 20 lots of photographs purchased from eBay.

These were exhibited at Belfast Exposed, and auctioned off on the show’s closing night, 1 February 2007.

Each caption includes eBay purchase details, the eBay seller’s statement about the photographs and object description.

Question for Seller, 2004-2006
Winning Bid: $7.00
History: 1 bid
Item location: Kharhov City, Ukraine

“Almost all photos are from one family (one of the photos you can see brothers and sister of one family - also wives and husbands). Military photos from Siberia and North Kazakhstan: photos with workers made in the Kharkov Electromechanical factory, others non military photos also made in Kharkov in 30s - 50s”

Object Type: Gelatin silver prints
Artist’s Edit: 10/10
Purchased: 2005
Copyright: Unknown
Winning bid: £2.99
History: 1 bid
Item location: Dorset, United Kingdom

“The batch of photos came from a house clearance; I believe that the lady had been a Land Girl during the war, her remaining distant family were sadly not interested in personal effects... I always used to be sad that families don't want to keep photos, but I feel that there are a lot of other unrelated people who now become custodians, and so all is not lost.”

Object Type: Gelatin silver prints
Artist’s Edit: 51/106
Purchased: 2003
Copyright: Unknown
Winning bid: $7.88
History: 1 bid
Item location: Florida, USA

“...some of the photos are inscribed with names, ages – they came from different sources, so no other information is available. Regards”

Object Type: Gelatin silver prints
Artist’s Edit: 6/6
Purchased: 2005
Copyright: Unknown
Winning bid: $10.00
History: 1 bid
Item location: Manitoba, Canada

“All I know is that they came out of an estate from a Manitoba family. The lady had been married but had no children. The nieces and nephews cleaned out the estate and didn’t know the relatives so didn’t want to keep the pictures. Kind of a shame and quite sad really.”

Object Type: Cabinet cards, carte-de-visites, tintypes
Artist’s Edit: 13/20
Purchased: 2003
Copyright: Unknown
Winning bid: £3.50
History: 1 bid
Item location: Milton Keynes, United Kingdom

“I am pleased you asked about the people in the photographs as the real reason for selling them was that I wanted them to go to someone who would be interested in them. A bit like trying to find a good home for a puppy. They belonged to an old lady who died at 94. She was a civil servant and received an MBE for her work in the war (we never knew what she did as it was a secret!). Anyway the photos: The cricketer was her father, Leo, from the postmark it looks like 1909. The lady in the 2 identical photos I believe to have been her mother. The young girl with the chair was her sister who died of leukaemia aged about 12. The girl taken side-face with longer hair was the old lady herself. Her name was Dorothy Jeffs. She never married. She died leaving no family – hence no-one to pass them on to.”

Object Type: Gelatin silver prints, card, carte-de-ville
Artist’s Edit: 9/9
Purchased: 2003
Copyright: Unknown
Winning bid: $9.99
History: 1 bid
Item location: Palm Springs, USA

“In the past I've bought cartons of paper goods from pickers. I've had these so long I can't remember anything about them. This particular group has information written on the pictures.”

Object Type: Gelatin silver photographs
Artist’s Edit: 32/43
Purchased: 2005
Copyright: Unknown
Winning bid: £3.99
History: 1 bid
Item location: Llangollen, North Wales

“These photos are from a whole bunch of photos from one family. They have been put into various categories by me; such as the portraits, I have sold some related to ships and sailing vessels and I have more to sort thru relating to a lot from seaside and holiday scenes, lakes & waterfalls and some photo post cards relating to Belgium. There were hundreds to go thru and it would seem no one in the particular family wanted them when I bought them. Shame really because I would want to hold onto my family pics for a family tree or similar. Hope that helped you.”

Object Type: Gelatin silver photographs
Artist’s Edit: 13/13
Purchased: 2004
Copyright: Unknown
Winning bid: £3.50
History: 1 bid
Item location: Gillingham, United Kingdom

“Thank you for your enquiry. These were from an ordinary purchase. No further information available other than my description on site. Kindest Regards”

Object Type: Gelatin silver photographs, postcards
Artist’s Edit: 8/27
Purchased: 2005
Copyright: Unknown
Winning bid: $4.99
History: 1 bid
Item location: Oudenaarde, Belgium

“I did clean out the house where the family has lived in and it was in Belgium about 30 kilometres from Ghent in a small town called Ruien. I hope that helps you with the extra information. Kind regards”

Object Type: Gelatin silver photographs
Artist’s Edit: 24/53
Purchased: 2006
Copyright: Unknown
Winning bid: £1.99
History: 1 bid
Item location: Loughborough, United Kingdom

“Sorry I'm not going to be much help here - these photos are part of a collection that I've got together over the years, and they have finally outgrown the space available! I've no idea who they are, or where they were taken. I've just been interested to look at them from a 'social history' angle - how people looked and dressed in an earlier era.”

Object Type: Gelatin silver photographs, postcards
Artist’s Edit: 13/27
Purchased: 2004
Copyright: Unknown
Winning bid: £14.99
History: 1 bid
Item location: Byfleet, United Kingdom

“I was demolishing some houses in Kingston-upon-Thames which had been derelict for a number of years. They were in an old suitcase ready to be thrown on the skip. I have had a wonderful time looking through these and piecing them together with my mother’s help. They are truly fascinating and a window into a totally different moment in time. I’m sure you will enjoy them as much as I have done.”

Object Type: Gelatin silver photographs, paper mounts, letters, music sheets, diary
Artist’s Edit: 9/37
Purchased: 2004
Copyright: Unknown
Winning bid: £2.99
History: 1 bid
Item location: Montrose, Scotland

“I regret I can't tell you anything about the photos. I've had them a while and cannot even remember where I got them”

Object Type: carte-de-visites
Artist’s Edit: 5/5
Purchased: 2005
Copyright: Unknown
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“... have lightly written some info on the back of the photos – if I can be of more help – let me know”

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Winning bid: $8.70
History: 1 bid
Item location: Newport News, USA

“The town I live in is predominantly black -- about 75%. A friend had them for about 15 years sitting in an old breadbox. I helped him move and he gave me the breadbox and that is where I found the photos. His mother had passed about 20 years ago and he was given the breadbox. He does not know who they are, because his mother was - well let's say she was not a saint - active in the community and they could be some of her ‘friends’. Newport News is somewhat of a military town - Army. And that is all I know about the photos.”

Object Type: Gelatin silver photographs, wood frames
Artist’s Edit: 7/8
Purchased: 2002
Copyright: Unknown
Winning bid: £2.97
History: 1 bid
Item location: Maldon, United Kingdom

“...I have no idea who the family is or where the photos were taken. They are dated 1900 and 1901...”

Object Type: Gelatin silver prints, card
Artist’s Edit: 9/9
Purchased: 2003
Copyright: Unknown
Winning bid: £1.95
History: 1 bid
Item location: Southampton, United Kingdom

“I bought them at an auction. The auction was in the New Forest, so they are quite local to here (Southampton)”

Object Type: Gelatin silver photographs, carte-de-visites, leather & card mounts, press article
Artist’s Edit: 11/13
Purchased: 2005
Copyright: Unknown
Winning bid: $7
History: 1 bid
Item location: Milford, USA

“Sorry I don’t have any info about them. Glad you like them.”

Object Type: Gelatin silver photographs, paper mounts
Artist’s Edit: 11/11
Purchased: 2003
Copyright: Unknown
Winning bid: $7
History: 1 bid
Item location: Anaheim, USA

“These photos were in a box of my grandmothers. My father graduated from Valencia in 1947. These were some of his friends. Thanks for asking”

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“I bought these in New Jersey, USA. They were in a photo album”

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Winning bid: £3.00
History: 1 bid
Item location: Portsmouth, United Kingdom

“I came across these photos in a house clearance about 15 years ago. The owner of the house said ‘ditch everything’. These were among some old newspapers – hope this helps.”

Object Type: Gelatin silver prints, card, glass frame
Artist’s Edit: 4/4
Purchased: 2003
Copyright: Unknown