Photograph - The Architectural Museum at the South Kensington Museum

Object: Photograph
Date: ca. 1857 (photographed)
Artist/Maker: Unknown
Materials and Techniques: Albumen print
Museum number: 1948-1938
Gallery location: Prints & Drawings Study Room, room 512M, case PX3, shelf 6

Public access description
Plaster casts of architectural ornament were shown at the South Kensington Museum (the ancestor of the V&A) from its opening in 1857. The so-called Architectural Museum was set up in the gallery of the Iron Museum (nicknamed the Brompton Boilers), which now forms the building of the Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood. The Museum contained casts of medieval architecture from the Royal Architectural Museum to which were added casts from the Government School of Design. Brass rubbings were hung from the roof.

Descriptive line
Photograph showing the 'Architectural Museum at the South Kensington Museum', about 1857.

Physical description
Photograph showing the Architectural museum at the South Kensington Museum (now V&A).

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