



Hon. Charles H. Truax (1846-1910), Class of 1867

Date

1903

Primary Maker

Fitzgerald C. Peploe

Medium

Bronze

Description

This bust is a rendering of a Hamilton alumnus, Charles H. Truax, who was born in Oneida County in 1846. After graduating from Hamilton College, he travelled to New York City and was admitted to the bar, allowing him to practice law in New York State. He eventually became a Justice of the New York Superior Court in 1880 and joined the United States Supreme Court for a single term as a trial justice in 1886. Fitzgerald Peploe, an English sculptor trained in Paris and Rome, created this portrait of Truax in New York City. Here, Peploe captured Truax in his judge's robes with a suit coat and tie underneath. The sculpture was commissioned and donated to Hamilton College by a group of the sitter's friends and was originally located in the College's Memorial Hall and Art Gallery, which exhibited artworks on campus from

1873 until 1914. (SOURCE: Wellin Museum permanent collection label, Summer 2016)

Dimensions

Overall: 25 x 25 x 14 in. (63.5 x 63.5 x 35.6 cm)