

Lot 870 Dallmeyer snapshot camera



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The Bristol Museums Catalogue describes the item as follows;

"Snapshot self-erecting strut film-pack camera made by J.H. Dallmeyer, Birmingham, c.1900. No known history of use, but purchased at the Ashton court sale 1947, so possibly owned by Dame Esme Smyth."

Esme and her mother Emily were both known to be interested in photography. A copy of Emily's photograph album is at Bristol Archives (41648/Ph/31). The cover is dated 1919 and contains images of Ashton Court and family members at home and abroad c.1900s-c.1919.

Camera ready for use. Image: courtesy of <http://historiccamera.com/>



J.H. Dallmeyer was a British company founded in 1860. Their main business was to manufacture lenses but they also sold cameras. Bristol Museums date the production of the camera as 1895-1905.