Legislative Photograph Collection—Digitized!

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The Facts...

- Digitized in 2012 by the BPL via the LSTA grant
- Date range: 1855-1908
- 3488 images of members of the MA General Court
- Over 2100 digital files created
Various formats...
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Issues that arose...

- Multiple images/subjects on one page
- Multiple sets of metadata
- How do we prepare and organize the metadata for ingest?
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James Humphrey?  

Wait a minute ... Francis W. Jacobs?
Strange discoveries...

A woman in the 1868 Senate album?

A random statue?
And then there was hair...
...that became a calendar!

Charles Chauncy Bixby (R)
Massachusetts House 1866, 1888, 1889

**May**

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End result...

- Files were then uploaded into our DSpace repository

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