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Nancy E. Gwinn, Director



In the case of the death of my  
said nephew without leaving a child or  
children or of the death of the child or  
children he may have had, under the age  
of twentyone years, or in his test. I then  
bequeath the whole of my property  
subject to the annuity of one hundred  
pounds to John Fittall and for the  
security and payment of which I order  
stock to remain in this country, to the  
United States of America, to be paid at  
Washington, under the name to the Smithsonian  
institution, an establishment for the increase  
and diffusion of knowledge among men.

I think proper here to state that all the money <sup>which</sup> ~~that~~ will be standing in the French five per cents, at my death in the names of the father of my above mentioned nephew, Henry James Hangerford, & all that in my names, is the property of my said nephew being what he inherited from his father, or what I have laid up for him from the saving upon his income. James Smithson.



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National Museum of American  
History 1985.0441.1579



# Smithson's Library

**126 titles, primarily scientific monographs and journal articles, but also history and memoirs, political pamphlets, travel books and museum guides, and a few household items like cookbooks**

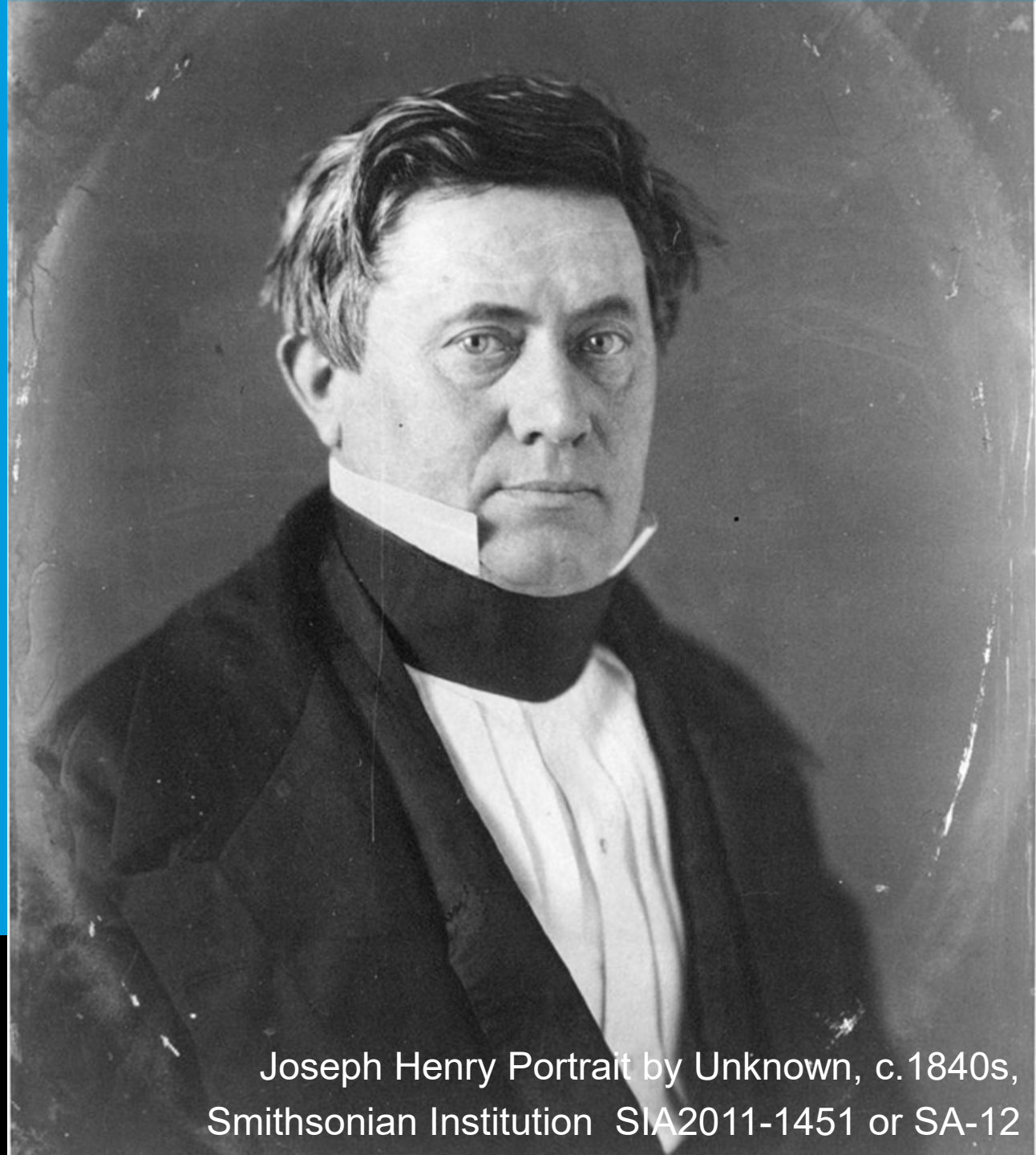


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# Joseph Henry

“The seed of great discoveries are constantly floating around us, but they only take root in minds well prepared to receive them.”



Joseph Henry Portrait by Unknown, c.1840s,  
Smithsonian Institution SIA2011-1451 or SA-12



Smithsonian Institution Archives, Record Unit 285, Box 25, Folder: 1

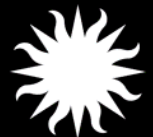


Smithsonian Building—the “Castle”





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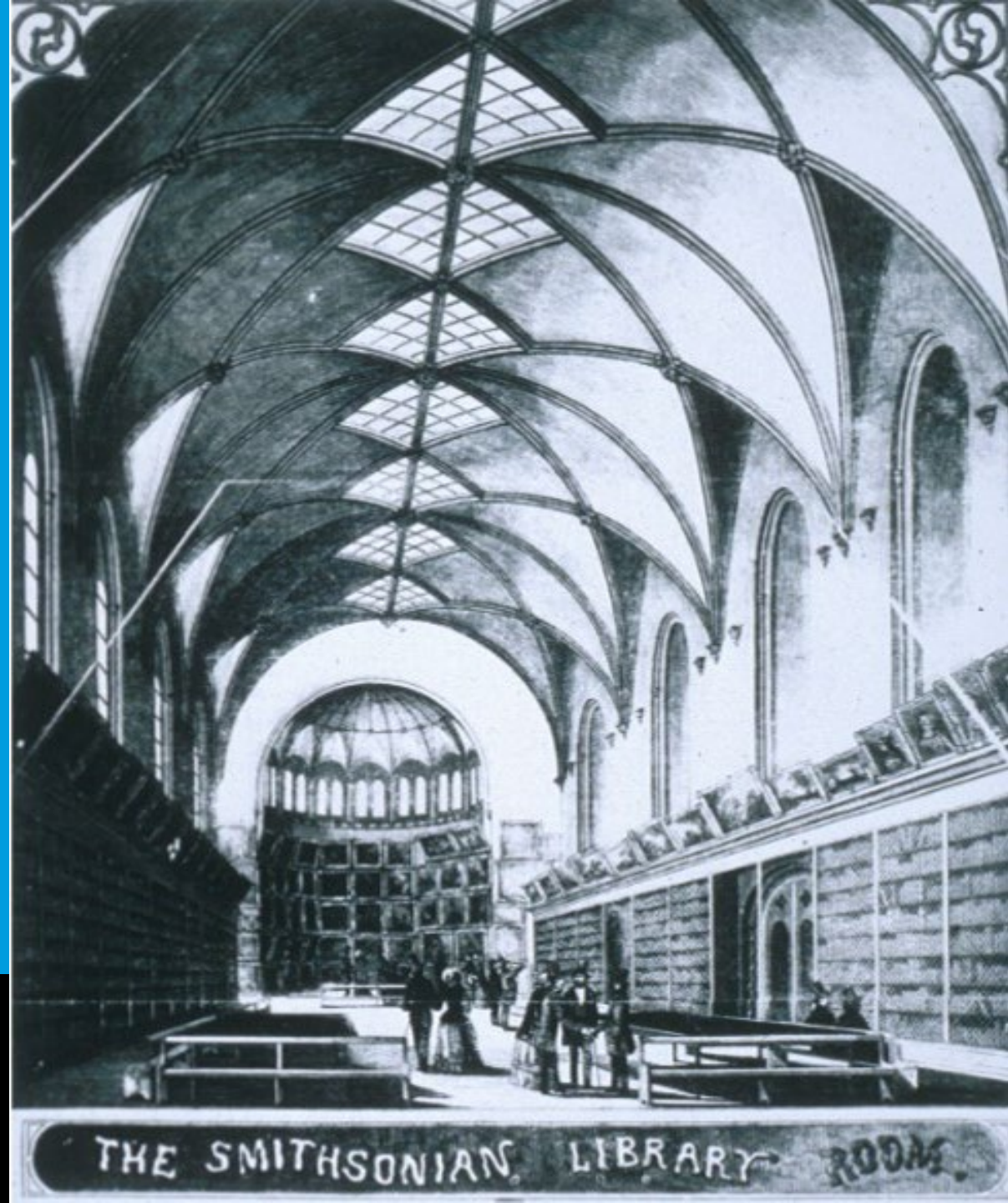
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# International Exchange Service

# The Smithsonian Library



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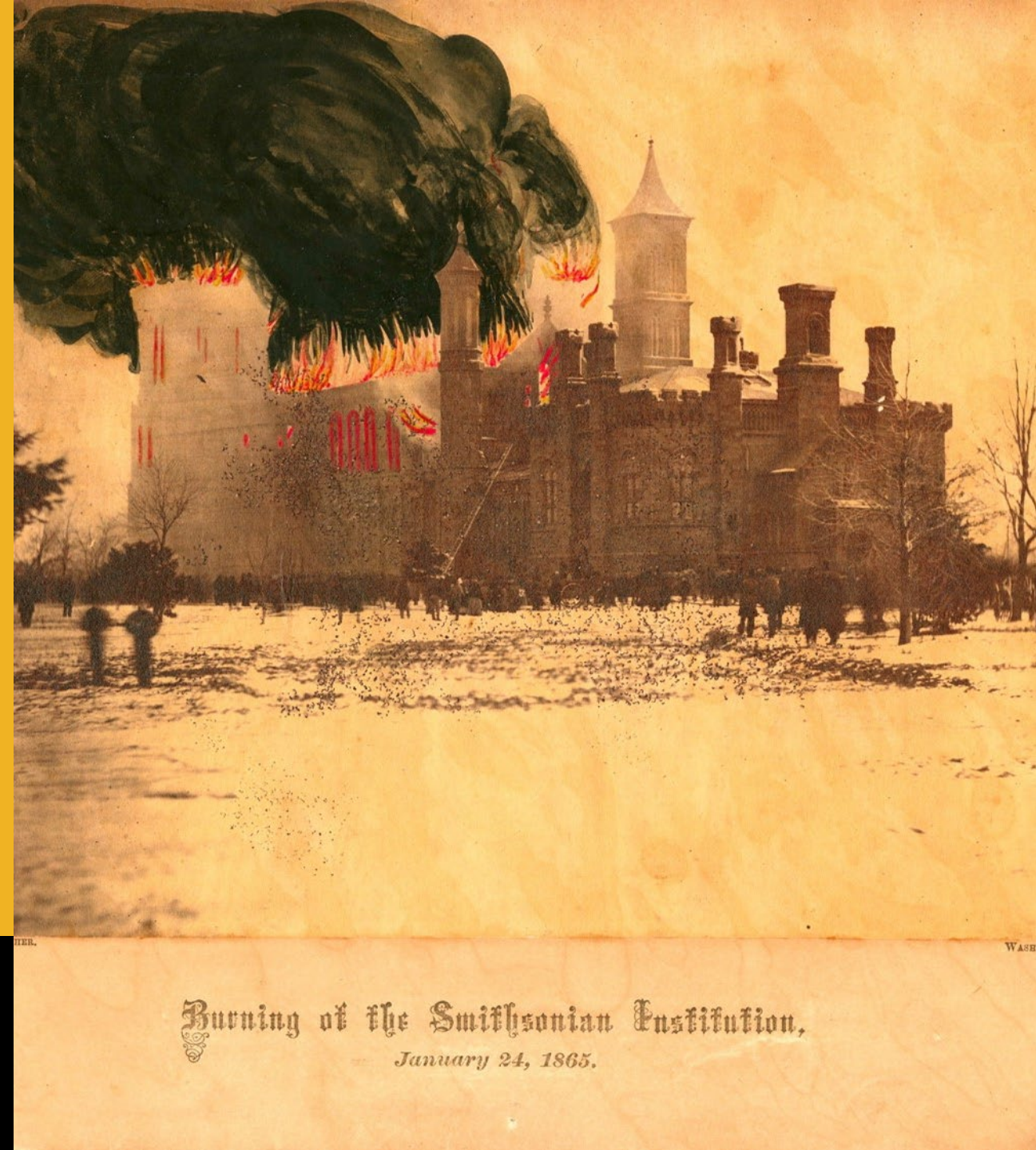




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# but two fires!



*Burning of the Smithsonian Institution,  
January 24, 1865.*



# LIBRARY OF CONGRESS.

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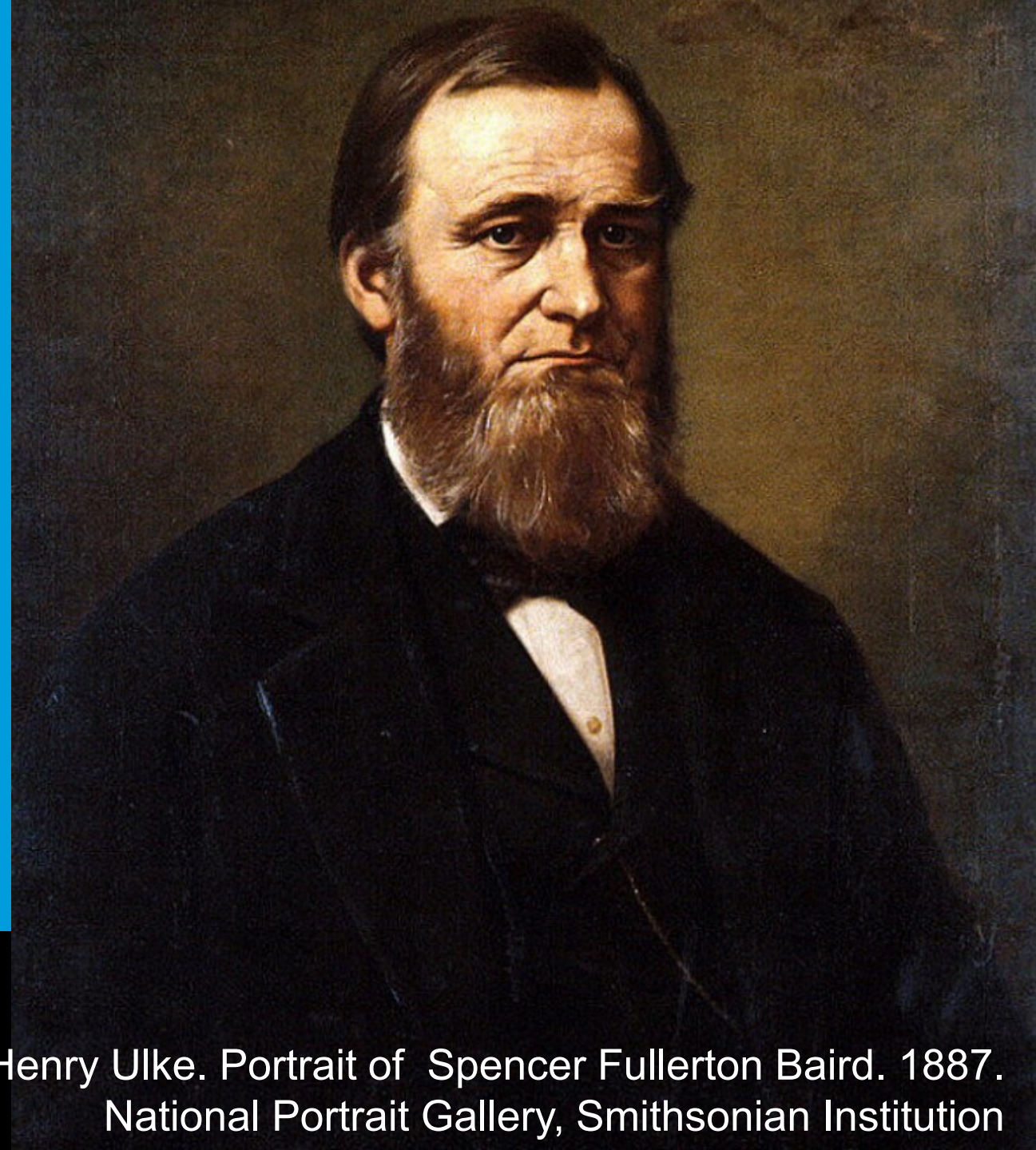
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.



# Spencer Fullerton Baird

Smithsonian's First Curator and  
Second Secretary



Henry Ulke. Portrait of Spencer Fullerton Baird. 1887.  
National Portrait Gallery, Smithsonian Institution

# Twenty-One Branches

## HISTORY & CULTURE

Anacostia Community Museum Library  
National Air and Space Museum Library  
National Museum of African American History & Culture Library  
National Museum of American History Library  
National Postal Museum Library  
Smithsonian Institution Libraries Research Annex  
The Vine Deloria, Jr, National Museum of the American Indian

## ART & DESIGN

Smithsonian American Art Museum/National Portrait Gallery Library  
Cooper-Hewitt Smithsonian Design Library  
Freer and Sackler Galleries Library  
Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden Library  
Warren M. Robbins Library, National Museum of African Art

## SCIENCE

Botany and Horticulture Library  
John Wesley Powell Library of Anthropology  
Museum Support Center Library  
National Museum of Natural History Library  
National Zoological Park Library  
Smithsonian Environmental Research Center Library  
Earl Tupper Library, Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute Library

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Dibner Library of the History of Science and Technology  
Joseph F. Cullman 3<sup>rd</sup> Library of Natural History



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Overarching themes celebrating “One Smithsonian”

2019—Year of Music



2020—American Women’s History



Congressional Possibilities

National Museum for Women?

National Museum for Latinos?





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