

Today in Columbus history: On May 1, 1856, an ad appeared in the *Daily Sun* for daguerreotypes by A.J. (Andrew Jackson) Riddle. Daguerreotypes were photographic images printed on silvered copper plates; they came into vogue in the early 1840s – usually portraits. By the 1850s, a new process allowed photos to be printed on paper. Riddle had made the transition to paper photos by the early 1860s. He visited Andersonville Prison in August of 1864 and took the only known photographs of the camp. Riddle died in Columbus in 1891 and is buried in Macon’s Rose Hill Cemetery.

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A. J. RIDDLE,
DAGUERREAN ARTIST,
HAS closed his rooms over Mygatt's Store, prepara-
tory to re-opening on a scale of magnificence far
surpassing anything heretofore known in this City.
His new rooms will be on the corner of Broad and
Randolph streets, in the block now being built by Col.
Jones, and as soon as completed.
March 7, 1855