Accession 2006-12
Photograph labeled “Col. Dickson”
Photographer=Rasmussen of Rock Island

Photograph purchased by Archivist Amy Groskopf, October 2005 at Antique Fair in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Using City Directories, Rock Island County History, census records, and Mohlenbruck’s *Death Index: Locator* the following appears true:

- “Col. Dickson” is likely Col. John Dickson, born 6Feb1813 in Erie County, PA
- Marriage1 Elizabeth Alexander of Canonsburg, PA 25Oct1836 in PA
- 4 children: Mary E., George M., Annie E., Susan D.
- Served under General Winfield Scott during Mexican War (1846-1848), attaining rank of colonel
- Moved to Milan (formerly Camden Mills) Illinois in about 1850 (after census-find in Washington Co., PA with wife and four children ages 4-11 in June 1850)
- Wife died 17Feb1871
- Marriage2 - Eliza Fay in Fulton, IL
- Long time Justice of the Peace in Milan
- Died 14Jan1888 in Milan, Rock Island Co., IL
- Buried Chippianock Cemetery, Rock Island Co., IL

J. C. Rasmussen, Photographer
Rock Island City Directories indicate the following:

1876 no Rasmussen listed under surname or “Photographer” business section
1878-81 J.C. Rasmussen, artist; bds Rock Island House
Not listed under “photographer” section
1880 not listed in Business Directory
1882-85 J. Charles Rasmussen, photographer with A. B. Gayford;
Gayford is listed under “photographer” section at 1720 and 1722 2nd Avenue in Rock Island, but not Rasmussen
1885 Rasmussen Photography listed in “Photographer” section at 1801 2nd Avenue in Rock Island
1888-91 J.C. Rasmussen listed under surname as photographer, business at 1801 2nd Ave. and listed under “Photographer” section as in business at separate address from Gayford.

Bearing this information in mind it seems likely this photograph was taken between 1885-1888