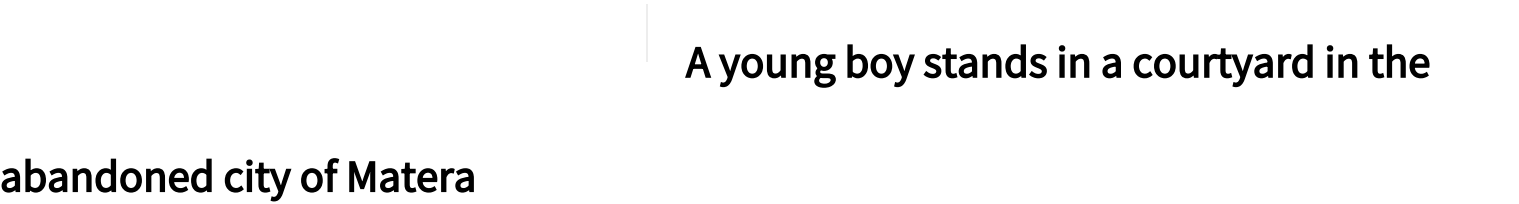


# Basic Detail Report

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**Date**

1969-1979

**Medium**

gelatin silver print

**Description**

Matera is a city and a province in the region of Basilicata, in southern Italy. It is the capital of the province of Matera and the capital of Basilicata from 1663 to 1806. The town lies in a small canyon carved out by the Gravina. Matera was known as “the shame of Italy” for its dismal poverty. In the 1950s, the entire population of roughly 16,000 people, mostly peasants and farmers, were relocated from the Sassi to new housing projects in an ill-conceived government program, leaving it an empty shell.

**Dimensions**

Overall: 30.9 x 20.5 cm (12 1/8 x 8 1/8 in.)