

You've digitized your memories... now what?

Your memorabilia is safely digitized and preserved for the future! Now it's time to share, enjoy and reminisce. The last thing you want to do with your digital memories is NOTHING. Consider these recommendations for taking your project beyond the digitizing step.



Save for the future

Use proper storage methods for easy retrieval and safeguarding in case of natural and technological disasters. Settling for only one storage solution puts your files at risk. We recommend three back-up methods for truly safe digital assets.

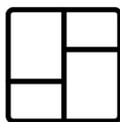
Example: 1. USB thumbdrive 2. Computer/Hard Drive 3. Cloud Storage



Get creative!

Turn your memories into art or keepsake creations to enjoy yourself or give as a gift.

Photo Books - Display your most meaningful pictures and documents in a custom photo book for all to see. Take it a step further and add text, stories and notes to customize your book.



Don't have time? We'd be happy to custom create a personalized book design for you.



Prints+ Posters - Ideal for events like milestone birthdays, graduations, showers or memorial services. Build a multi-image collage or individual prints of your favorite images.



Home Decor - Turn meaningful images into metal art, canvas prints or a wall collage. Visit our shop or see options and order on our website. Call us for creative ideas!

Keepsake Gifts - Your favorite recipe, your grandparent's wedding photo, or a special old black-and-white shot will make someone smile. Think coffee mug, tree ornament or a collage designed with a favorite quote.

Share with family + friends

Easily share your files with loved ones - today and in the future. Everyone will appreciate having a piece of family history.



Shared Cloud Album: Your safest, most convenient option! All parties can access the files from anywhere in the world. Continue to add to your collection by adding more images/videos as you have them. View the files from a phone, tablet or computer. Dropbox is the cloud storage we use, and they offer free storage for you to get started!



Email: Best for sharing up to about 10 photos at a time. Make sure to send the original, or 'biggest' size otherwise it may send a smaller image.



Social Media: Post images or video to social media. Just don't rely on them to preserve these memories forever as systems can crash.



Sharing Video: A high-speed internet connection is required to do this. Video files are extremely large and SHOULD NOT be sent as an email attachment. Instead, use a free file sharing service like We Transfer or Dropbox to send video files. To share large amounts of video files, use a USB/Thumbdrive instead.



Preparing Your Photo Archiving Project

You've made the smart decision to archive and preserve your precious memories! Your memorabilia will be safely digitized so it can be shared with others and protected for future generations to enjoy. As you are preparing your project, consider these suggestions:



Gather

Round up all of your slides, letters, recipes, photographs, & negatives, all your home movies and memorabilia from your own collection. Consider also having items like awards, medals, diplomas, and other special items photographed or scanned to add to your archive too!



Don't forget to check frames and drawers for photos! Ask family members/others to contribute additional items that may be in their possession.

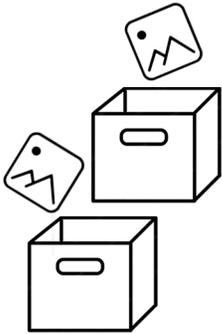


Gather digital media such as CDs, memory cards and digital files from computers. We can add those files to your archiving project so you have a more comprehensive final result.

Sort

We will happily accept unsorted photo collections. However, sorting your memorabilia prior to digitizing can result in a more organized finished project.

Use a large area where you can spread out for a few days. Use plastic bins, note cards, envelopes and boxes to help keep things labeled and organized. Remove all staples, paperclips, sticky notes, etc. Remove prints from albums and frames or ask how we can manage this step for you. Determine a sorting system. Create piles/bins by year, by event or by person/family. Whichever way makes most sense to you.



To keep photos or slides in a specific order - sort them that way and let us know before digitizing. Make sure to number them on the back with pencil.

Package & label each pile/category separately using an envelope or box. We can create digital file folders with the same naming system for you. Indicate this during your final order consultation.

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Eliminate



Save money by curating your collection ahead of time. Only keep the very best photos. Are any precious photos damaged? Ask about photo restoration!

Create a "throw away" pile, box or bin. Be quick & decisive when choosing what to eliminate. Toss duplicate or similar shots from the same event. and prints with poor lighting, blurry focus, or insignificant subject matter.

Preserve



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SHARE THE MEMORIES: Always request additional copies of your newly digitized files for family members. This low cost step gets a set of the files to an offsite location and acts as a backup should your original files become lost or damaged.

*Still not sure where to begin or want some guidance?
Contact us to set-up a consultation with one of our experts.*

