

PHOTOGRAPHIC TREASURES; BRINGING YOUR RESEARCH INTO FOCUS:

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WHAT TYPES OF PHOTOGRAPHS EXIST TODAY?

Daguerreotypes (Very popular from 1839-1860)
Ambrotypes (Produced between 1854-1881)
Tintypes (Widely produced from 1856-into the 1920's)
Carte-De-Visite (CDV) (Widely available from 1858-1910)
Cabinet Cards (Very popular from 1866-to the 1920's)
Post Cards (Available from 1893 to the present)

PHOTOGRAPHIC REVERENCE BOOKS:

Frisch-Ripley, Karen. *Unlocking the Secrets in Old Photographs*. Salt Lake City: Ancestry, 1991.

Mace, O. Henry. *Collectors Guide to Early Photographs*. Iola: Krause Publications, 1999.

Moorshead, Halvor. *Dating Old Photographs 1840-1929*. Lewiston: Moorshead Magazine, 2000

WHERE TO FIND PHOTOGRAPHIC COLLECTIONS:

Family Members

Library of Congress (great photographic collection-much of it online)

State Libraries & Historical Societies (great for more state wide photographs)

Local Genealogical & Historical Societies (great for your local area)

United States Military History Institute (great for military images)

Historical Museums (large private collection of photographs-Ex: Smithsonian Institute)

Public Libraries/Newspapers (Great source for local photographs)

Local Company Archives (Example: Pennsylvania Railroad Company-Philadelphia, PA)

Private Photographers & Collectors (consult reference materials)

Local Colleges & Universities (great for photographs of higher education)

Internet Sources: www.loc.gov

www.eurofocus.com

www.nara.gov

www.deadfred.com

www.cyndislist.com

www.ebay.com

There are many places to get family photographs both online and on location at different research facilities. MLS