

PRESERVATION OF FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS

COMMON SENSE STORAGE

- ❖ NO ball point pen identifications (either side)
Use pencil or Staedtler Pigment liner sketch pen (acid free)
- ❖ NO self-adhesive tape
This causes discoloration and may rip photos
- ❖ NO staples or paper clips
These cause rust discoloration and bend documents
- ❖ NO rubber bands
Over time, rubber bands break down and may ruin photos

STORAGE SPECIFICATIONS

- ❖ CLEANLINESS: Exclude dust but not air flow
- ❖ TEMPERATURE: Approximately 70 degrees- minimal fluctuation
- ❖ HUMIDITY: 40%-60% with minimal fluctuation. Humidity causes water damage and mold
- ❖ LIGHT: Avoid light- especially fluorescent and sunlight that may cause fading

STORAGE CONTAINERS

- ❖ NO corrugated cardboard boxes (or department store boxes)
High lignin and acid content causes discoloration
- ❖ NO untreated wooden containers
- ❖ NO newspaper wrapping
High lignin content causes discoloration
- ❖ NO airtight plastic bags, plastic containers, or laminating
This locks in dust, mold, and moisture

**NEVER DO ANYTHING THAT CAN'T BE UNDONE AS TECHNOLOGY
ADVANCES! WHEN IN DOUBT, DON'T!**

If you have a question about the preservation of your family's heirlooms, call the Massillon Museum at 330-833-4061.

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