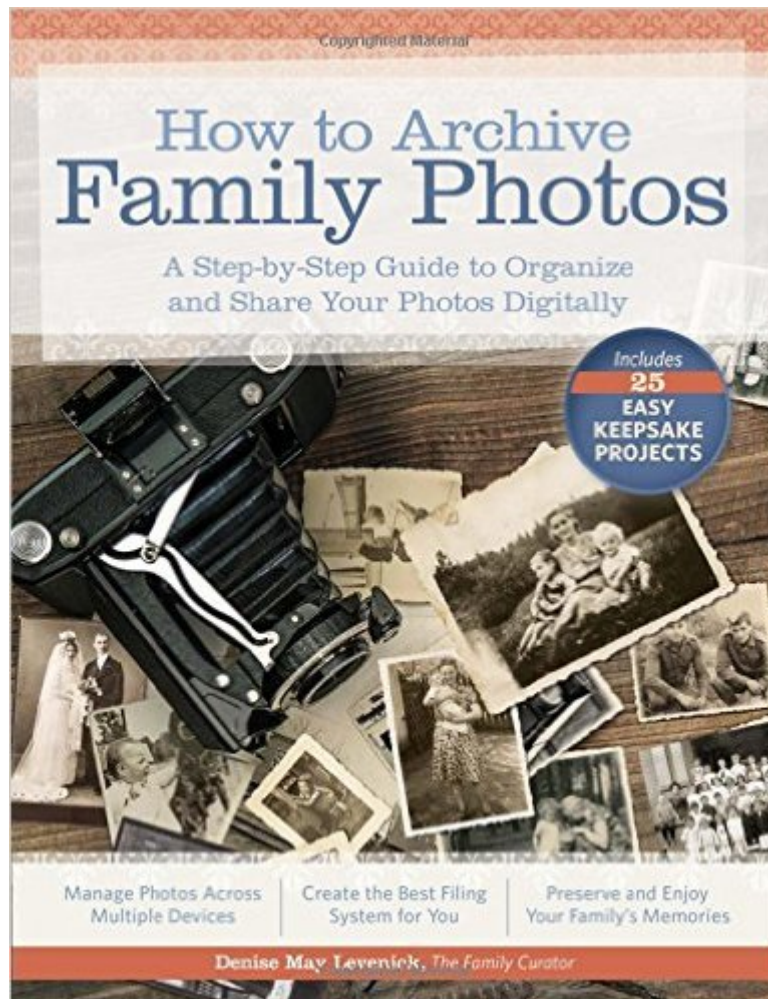# How To Archive Family Photos: A Step-by-Step Guide To Organize And Share Your Photos Digitally

Synopsis

Organize and enjoy your family's memories!You've captured countless cherished family photos of babies' first steps, graduations, weddings, holidays, vacations, and priceless everyday moments on your smartphone or digital camera. Perhaps you've inherited a collection of heirloom family photographs, too. But now what?How to Archive Family Photos is a practical how-to guide for organizing your growing digital photo collection, digitizing and preserving heirloom family photos, and sharing your treasured photos.In this book, you'll find:Simple strategies to get your photos out of a smartphone or camera and into a safe storage spaceEasy methods to organize and back up your digital photos, including file-naming and tagging hintsAchievable steps to digitize and preserve heirloom family photosStep-by-step workflows illustrating common photo organizing and digitizing scenariosChecklists for setting up your own photo organization system25 photo projects to preserve, share, and enjoy your family photos Whether you have boxes full of tintypes and black-and-white photographs, an ever-growing collection of digital photos, or a combination of the two, this book will help you rescue your images from the depths of hard drives and memory cards (or from the backs of closets) so that you can organize and preserve your family photo collection for future generations.

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do: get rid of all the bookmarks and articles about digitizing and organizing photos that I¢Â ™ve saved to Evernote, Pinterest and other places. Why? Because How to Archive Family Photos covers ALL the bases with updated and current information about photo organization and digitization. You do not need any other book and since Levenick¢Â ™s approach is sensible and easy-to-read, you likely will not need much else if you want to tackle that pile of photos!A Photo Project Road MapWith over 25 years¢Â ™ experience in technology focusing on desktop applications and programs, I often find ¢Â Œholes¢Â Â• or ¢Â Œgaps¢Â Â• in books that purport to completely cover a specific topic involving technology, apps and gadgets. There is no ¢Â Œgap¢Â Â• to mind or ¢Â Œhole¢Â Â• to overlook with How to Archive Family Photos; the author has laid out a systematic approach known as Organize, Digitize and Create.Levenick takes time to explain technical terms in plain English. She also offers a variety of approaches to tasks such as determining how much digital storage space a user might need, or the best scanner to use for a specific project. In addition, the author goes beyond the typical do-it-yourself approach and indicates when it might be time to call in reinforcements and use outside vendors. The information in How to Archive Family Photos is varied and allows the reader to find the right approach for dealing with his or her own collection of photos.Once you have organized and digitized all those photos, negatives, slides and more, you get a reward! You get to ¢Â Œplay¢Â Â• and be creative with 25 different projects ranging from simple thank you cards using an old family photo to more complex items such as wall calendars, photo books and more. Too often I find that similar books will list many ideas and even resources for creative projects, but they won¢Â ™t take the time to outline the project in a step-by-step approach the way the author has done in How to Archive Family Photos.How to Archive Family Photos: A New ClassicIn my family history book collection, I have very few titles that I am willing to designate as ¢Â Œbibles¢Â Â• or ¢Â Œcanonical works¢Â Â• meaning that the book is the go-to guide on the subject. We are talking classics such as Evidence Explained by Elizabeth Shown Mills or The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy, edited by Loretto Dennis Szucs and Sandra Hargreaves Luebking. Now I can add How to Archive Family Photos to that special place on my bookshelf.If you are serious about managing and preserving your family photo collection then you owe it to yourself and your family history to purchase How to Archive Family Photos and get started TODAY.

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book is so full of practical ways to manage your photo collection that you will want to stop and put them to work right away. Denise sent me a PDF ¢Â œreview¢Â • copy which is a digitized version of the print edition of the book. The photos, graphics and tables in the print edition add visual support to the words, making it much easier to understand how specific programs work or better visualize a workflow. That being said, as soon as the Kindle version was released, I grabbed a copy. Why have both? The Kindle edition makes it easy to highlight text and add my own notes which are visible when reading the books, and those notes are also synched to my online Kindle library. It already has dozens of bookmarks, highlights and notes so that I can quickly find a specific item when I need it.The book is divided into three major sections: Organize, Digitize and Create. Denise is an experienced organizer and uses the first section to share the lessons she has learned to help us develop a workable system of our own. From collecting to organizing and then managing our photo archives, she offers both ideas and tools to get us going. Protecting our collections from disaster ¢Â Â" physical and technical ¢Â Â" is an integral part of her strategy and her organizational workflows are designed to include backup steps.Once our organizational system is in place and operational, we can then focus on digitizing older photos, family documents and heirlooms. The Digitize section is more than a primer for scanning. Even before getting into the actual scanning process, she discusses how to prepare our older photos and heirloom photos and how to handle them after they have been scanned. There is a discussion of storage devices and platforms as well as ways to estimate how much storage we will need. Another section looks at the growing number of scanners available. She provides tips on how to name the scanned files, appropriate file formats and discussions on scanning equipment.Throughout the book, Denise provides a number of downloadable worksheets and checklists to help us insure consistency. These are wonderful resources for people like me who don¢Â ™t do these tasks frequently enough that they are second nature.At the moment I¢Â ™m stuck in the Create section. I say ¢Â œstuck¢Â • because this is where I keep stopping to try out the many creative ideas. I thought I knew all there was to know about photo calendars ¢Â Â" until reading this book. I¢Â ™ve got new ideas for cards too and am just getting started in the fabric section. I think I¢Â ™ll be in this section quite some time.How to Archive Family Photos is an essential reference for every family historian ¢Â Â" and photo fanatic.

This book is current, well-written and illustrated, and carefully organized. The first third deals with organizing photos, the next third with digitizing (prep, equipment, strategies, and storage), and the final third focuses on projects. In all sections, the presentation is clear and includes relevant visuals

and step-by-step procedures, and checklists. Software, online services, websites, and mobile apps are explained and referenced solidly. I especially appreciated Levenick's awareness of the typical situation of photos coming from so many people and devices and her attention to developing practical methods of dealing with this real-world problem. Very highly recommended.

This book provides many tips on organizing photos, archiving them and maintaining the files and ensuring the photos are available for future generations. I found many helpful hints and ideas as to organizing my genealogical photos as well as my family photos from the past 30 years. I am glad I added this book to my genealogy library.

With so many photos collected over the years, you are faced with a what to do with all these and this book is most helpful in dispelling the confusion and instilling confidence that is not such a big deal as I had feared. This book is a must have for photo hoarders.

Good discussion on thinking about organization of scanned files. When you are scanning large quantities of slides, pictures , and negatives it is easy to get confused as to where you put an image that you need to add update information to (such as the year the image was created) or eliminate a duplicate from different sources..

It is a very useful book, written in an understandable way, and illustrated well. A good choice for people who are starting their own archival collection.

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