Preserving Your Family’s Memories

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Topics to be covered

- Introductions
- Preserving Media
- Different Formats
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- Common Media Formats
- Conversion
- DIY Projects
- Making Memories Shareable
- Video Memoirs
- Questions & Answers
Introductions

- Who we are
- Should you care about preserving memories?
- The story of my dad
- Why do we give presentations?
Preserving Media

- Discovering what you have
- Storage and upkeep
- Handling
- Is it worth preserving?
- Does it have historical significance?
- Do I want to share with my relatives?
Storing Old Media

- Store in cool dry places
- Avoid basements, please NO attics
- If film smells like vinegar, not good for much longer
- Rewind/fast forward older VHS/Betamax tapes
- Avoid exposure to sunlight
- Store photo frames upright
Common Media Formats (Moving Images)

- 35 & 16mm film
- 8mm film (Regular & Super 8 (sound))
- Betamax & VHS, U-matic
- Video 8, Hi-8, Digital 8
- Mini-DV, DVD, SD cards, hard disk, USB drives
Common Media Formats (Still Images)

- Slides (35mm, 110, 120)
- Medium format & film strips
- Glass slides
- Frame photos
- Loose photos
- Polaroids
Common Media Formats (Audio)

- Audio cassettes
- LPs, 78s and 45s
- Reel to Reel
- Mini discs
- Micro-cassettes (answering machine tapes)
Conversion (DIY Project - Image Scanning)

- Use cotton gloves to avoid smudging
- Consider image use, time and equipment
- Scan slides at 2400 dpi or >, will produce 16 x12 print
- Scan Photos at 600 dpi or >, will produce 16 x12 print
- Process Kodachrome slides differently
- Use color correction when available, longer scan times
- Avoid auto – retouching
- Remove photos from frames carefully
Conversion (Capture, Prepare, Transfer)

- Film (Telecine or frame by frame)
- Analog video tape (Capture card, then digitized)
- Reel to Reel (Analog to Digital on the fly)
- Mini discs (Straight capture)
- Micro cassettes (Analog to Digital on the fly)
Making Memories Shareable

- Facebook, Vimeo, Instagram
- Digital Media – CDs, DVDs & Blu-ray
- Milleniata Discs
- Coffee table books
- Digital files for portable devices.
- Cloud storage
Video Memoir

- Every person has a story...
- Video record the stories of your loved ones
- Equipment and guide provided
- Family has complete creative control
- Shared with all family on Blu-ray or DVD
Questions & Answers

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