

Resources for Dating and Identifying Photos

Identifying historical photos timeline: <https://ipgg.files.wordpress.com/2012/04/identifying-photographs.pdf>

Tips for identifying old family photos: <https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/3-tips-identifying-family-photos/>

Identifying 19th century photos by fashion, hair style, photo type, and studio: <http://ancestralfindings.com/researching-old-photo-studios-to-identify-19th-century-photographs/>

Dating family photos: <https://www.reclaimingkin.com/dating-family-photographs/>

Dating and identifying old family photos: <http://thephotoorganizers.com/dating-identifying-old-family-photographs/>

Tricks to dating family photos: <https://thephotoorganizers.com/photo-detective-dating-family-snapshots/>

Dating vintage photos by clothing and hairstyle: <https://www.sheknows.com/living/articles/814584/genealogy-research-dating-vintage-photographs-by-clothing-and-hairstyles-1/>

Use internet to Identify people and places in old photos: <https://turbofuture.com/misc/Identify-Old-Photos-Using-the-Internet>

How to date your old photos: <https://www.aarp.org/relationships/genealogy/info-11-2011/dating-old-photos.html>

How to date photos even if your family can't remember them: <https://www.scanyourentirelife.com/how-to-date-photos-family-photo-collections-sort-organize/>

Fashion and Hairstyle

Photo dating children's fashions by decade (1840-1910) <http://www.photosmadeperfect.com/Photo%20Dating%20Page%20Top%20pg/Childrens%20Fashions%20By%20Decade.htm>

How to date photographs by fashion: <https://blog.scienceandmediamuseum.org.uk/how-to-date-photographs-by-fashion/>

Two sites for fashion history by decade (University of Vermont and Vintage Fashion Guild: <http://www.uvm.edu/landscape/dating/index.php> (clothing and hairstyles, 1850-1950); <http://vintagefashionguild.org/fashion-timeline/> (1800-2000)

University of Georgia historic clothing collection: <https://www.fcs.uga.edu/tmi/historic-clothing-and-textile-collection-the-collection> (men's, women's, children's clothing and accessories, as well as textiles, 1850 to present)

Gallery and Case Studies sections help identify dates by fashion: <http://www.phototree.com/>

Library of Congress period photographs for comparisons. <https://www.loc.gov/photos/>

Civil War pictures: <https://www.archives.gov/research/military/civil-war/photos>

Fashions through the decades help date photographs: <https://www.historicalemporium.com/>

Fashion history by decade, 19th century: <https://fashionhistory.fitnyc.edu/category/19th-century/>

20th century: <https://fashionhistory.fitnyc.edu/category/20th-century/> 21st century:

<https://fashionhistory.fitnyc.edu/category/21st-century/>

Boards on specific fashion eras can be found on Pinterest (Example: Search for “fashion 1860’s” for Civil War era fashions.) <https://www.pinterest.com/>

Historical girls' clothing: <https://histclo.com/girl/girl.html>

Historical boys' clothing: <https://histclo.com/index3.html>

Women's fashions through the decades: <https://www.fashion-era.com/>

Historical timeline of men's fashions: <https://hespokestyle.com/mens-fashion-history-timeline/>

Breeching (when boys first dressed in breeches/trousers):

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Breeching_\(boys\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Breeching_(boys))

Historical patterns 1789-1940s: <http://www.pastpatterns.com/>

Ties through time: <https://fillingsclothing.com/2018/03/ties-through-time/>

Use photo image for a reverse image google search:

<https://support.google.com/websearch/answer/1325808?co=GENIE.Platform%3DDesktop&hl=en>

Dating Photo Format

Fixed in Time, a guide to dating daguerreotypes, ambrotypes and tintypes by mats and cases:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/8womzh1jn2evwf8/Fixed%20in%20Time%202021.pdf?dl=0>

Dating guide for photomatic portraits (photobooths): <https://www.dropbox.com/s/dpl0qksye9fvudc/Photomatic%20dating%20guide%20v1.1.pdf?dl=0>

Series on dating early photographs by process and format (first of a series), links to others:

<https://blog.scienceandmediamuseum.org.uk/find-out-when-a-photo-was-taken-identify-daguerreotype-photography/>

Daguerreotypes with discussion board to ask questions: <https://www.flickr.com/groups/dags/>

Craig's Daguerreian Registry, American photographers 1839-1860: <http://craigcamera.com/dag/>

What vintage photograph formats can tell you: <https://www.sheknows.com/living/articles/814635/genealogy-research-what-a-vintage-photograph-s-format-can-tell-you-1/>

Dating photos with early photo types: <https://blog.genealogybank.com/how-to-date-old-ancestor-photographs-with-early-photo-types.html>

19th century photo types: a breakdown to help you date old family pictures

<https://familyhistorydaily.com/expert-help/19th-century-photo-types-a-breakdown-to-help-you-date-old-family-pictures/>

Find Old Family Photos

Tips and resources to find old family photos: <https://lialisson.com/find-old-family-photos/>

Ancestor search <http://www.searchforancestors.com/records/photossearch.html>

Ellis Island Passenger Ship Search <http://stevemorse.org/ellis/pictures.html>

British towns, villages photos 1860-1970: http://www.francisfrith.com/us?locale_confirmed=true

Images of England: <http://www.imagesofengland.org.uk/>

Library of Congress Historic Photos Flickr Project:

https://www.flickr.com/photos/library_of_congress/collections/72157601355524315/

Military History Institute Civil War and Vietnam War photographs:

<http://www.carlisle.army.mil/ahec/research.cfm>

National Portrait Gallery: <http://www.npg.si.edu/>

U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum photo archives: <http://www.ushmm.org/research/research-in-collections>

Dead Fred - Over 148,000 pictures and 22,400+ surnames, reuniting families and pictures:

<http://www.deadfred.com/>

Family Search user-submitted photos: <https://familysearch.org/photos/find>

Old family photographs from various sources reunited with the proper family

<http://www.facesfromthepast.net/photo-inventory.html>

Genealogy photo collections from across the web: <http://www.cyndislist.com/photos/lost-and-found/>

Search 52,000+ vintage photos by surname and location: <http://familyoldphotos.com/>

Archives and large libraries are using Flickr to house digital collections including many photographs:
<https://www.flickr.com/>

To search for images on google: <https://images.google.com/>

Newspaper Photographs Sites (Location Specific)

[Phoenix: Phoenix Jewish News Photographs Collection 1948-2007](#) Jewish American newspaper, only photographs, not the text of the articles.

[Los Angeles: Charlotta Bass/California Eagle Photograph Collection 1870-1960](#) African American newspaper, includes photographs published in the *California Eagle*.

[Tallahassee: Tallahassee Democrat Collection 1955-1970s](#) A collection of photos taken by *Tallahassee Democrat* photographers.

[Atlanta: Atlanta Journal-Constitution Photographs 1950s-1980s](#) Photographs only, not articles. Most of the photographs are from the 1950s-1980s, but some are from other years.

[New York City: New York Call Photographs](#) No article text, just photographs from the *New York Call*.

[Cleveland: Cleveland Press 1878-1982](#) Includes selected articles and photographs

Getty Images, world news photos: <https://www.gettyimages.com/editorial-images/news>

Free Photo Editing Software

Best photo editing software for 2022: <https://www.pcmag.com/picks/the-best-photo-editing-software>

Five best free photo editing Window software (2022): <https://www.cyberlink.com/blog/photo-editing-best-software/327/best-free-photo-editors-windows>

Best free photo editors for PC in 2022: Adobe alternatives: <https://www.techradar.com/best/free-photo-editor>:

Best free photo-editing software for 2022: <https://www.digitaltrends.com/computing/best-free-photo-editing-software/>

17 best free photo editing Mac and Windows software (2021): <https://www.gihosoft.com/hot-topics/best-free-photo-editing-software-pc.html>

10 best free photo editing software, 2021: <https://www.wix.com/blog/photography/the-best-free-photo-editing-software>

Other Resources

Find family history and/or county biography/history books at <https://archive.org/>

Preserve photos on your computer: <https://www.sheknows.com/living/articles/810607/how-to-preserve-your-family-photographs-on-your-computer/>

Share Large Files

11 Best Ways to Transfer, Share or Send Large Files in 2022: <https://www.comparitech.com/net-admin/best-ways-to-transfer-large-files/>

Best ways to send large files <https://blog.hubspot.com/marketing/send-large-files>

How to send large files for free: <https://www.techadvisor.com/how-to/storage/how-send-large-files-for-free-3509067/>

How to send large files over the internet: <https://www.pcmag.com/how-to/how-to-send-large-files-over-the-internet>

Share files with anyone ("better than Dropbox" no account required)

<https://www.makeuseof.com/tag/dropbox-quickest-ways-share-file-si/>

Google Drive, share photos privately: <https://edu.gcfglobal.org/en/techsavvy/sharing-photos-privately/1/>

Wetransfer, no account required; transfer folders or files up to 2GB free: <https://wetransfer.com/>

Free Zip Software

Large files may be zipped when downloaded; so you may need to install a free zip program.

13 best free zip programs in 2022: <https://fixthephoto.com/best-free-zip-program.html>

15 best free zip & unzip programs: <https://www.lifewire.com/free-unzip-programs-1356643>

Social Media

Remember that family members who have no interest in genealogy may still have pictures to share.

Facebook: Genealogy and history (in English) Facebook groups/pages, a 436-page PDF file containing 16,700+ links (updated Jan 2021): <https://moonswings.files.wordpress.com/2021/01/genealogy-on-facebook-jan-2021.pdf> File includes clickable table of contents. *Note:* As of January 2021, future updates and maintenance of list is being handled by Cyndi's List at <https://cyndislist.com/facebook>. Download Canadian list that includes French-speaking groups at https://genealogyalacarte.ca/?page_id=10169, and an Australian list at <https://www.lonetester.com/2020/12/facebook-for-australian-history-and-genealogy-2/>