

SOME SOURCES for ARCHIVAL SUPPLIES

Remember: all supplies should be acid-free.

Gaylord Archival supplies (gaylord.com) offers thousands of supplies from boxes to ephemera envelopes for preservation of photos, documents, family bibles, heirlooms, jewelry, and textiles. They have a mailing list that provides notices of sale promotions and new items. The website also has how-to videos and tips for preservation.

Other providers include:

hollingermetalede.com

universityproducts.com

lightimpressionsdirect.com

etsy.com and amazon.com have archival supplies, journals, scrapbooks, family tree charts and numerous other supplies

From about 1905-1915 personal photographs could be printed on postcards and used for correspondence. Besides envelopes to preserve these items, there are specialized self-adhesive sleeves called “swings” for these items to be placed in a scrapbook or journal. One edge is adhesive so the postcard can be flipped over to view both sides. (Go to photopostos.com look for “swings” category.) To help identify and date photographic postcards go to playle.com.

Historical photographs include daguerreotypes (1839-1860), ambrotypes (1854-1860) and tintypes (1860-1900). *The Encyclopedia of Nineteenth Century Photography* by John Hannavy provides a comprehensive coverage of all things photographic. The book is available in digital format on Google Books. If the studio name is known, it may be found by using Google Search.

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Archival Methods Blog (archivalmethods.com) videos covering all aspects of preservation from photos and documents to quilts, family bibles and more.

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