

IDENTIFICATION AND CARE OF PHOTOGRAPHIC AND STILL IMAGE MATERIALS





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Preservation Week 2021

- Preservation Jeopardy Monday, April 26, 1pm • via Zoom
- Careers in Preservation: A Panel Discussion Thursday, April 29, 1pm • via Zoom
- **Preservation Office Hours** *Friday, April 30, 1pm* • *via Zoom*

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Introduction

- Historical Processes & Identification
 - Timeline
 - Description of photographic formats
 - Description of photoreprographic processes (if time allows)
- Deterioration & Preservation

Questions

OVERVIEW



- Daguerreotype 1839-1860
- Salted Paper Prints 1840-1860s
- Cyanotype 1840-1920 (popular 1880-1920)
- Platinotype 1881-1930s
- <u>Tintype 1855-1900</u>
- <u>Ambrotype 1855-1865</u>
- <u>Albumen 1850s-1920 (popular 1850-95)</u>
- Collodion Printing Out (Glossy) 1867-1930
- Matte Collodion 1893-1920
- Carbon 1861-1940
- Silver Gelatin Printing out 1880-1920
- Silver Gelatin Developing out 1900-2000
- Chromogenic Color 1946-2000
- Instant/Polaroids 1947-2008
- (digital) Ink Jet 1984-present
- (digital) Dye Diffusion 1989–present

TIMELINE OF	
PHOTOGRAPHY	7
Prints Only!	





William Pratchett, 1850s, University of Connecticut



IDENTIFICATION OF MAJOR PROCESSES Cased Photographs Daguerreotypes (1839-60)





IDENTIFICATION OF MAJOR **PROCESSES Cased Photographs Collodion Processes Tintypes** (1855 - 1900)**Ambrotypes** (1851 - 1865)







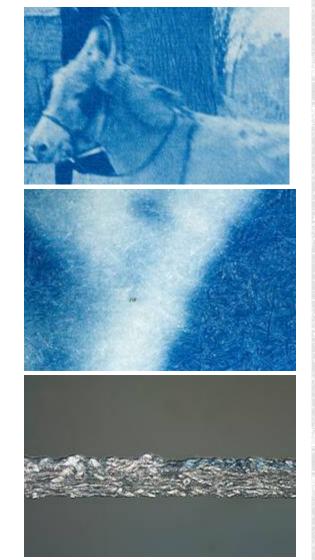
Weeping cover glass

DETERIORATION Cased **Photographs: Daguerreotypes** (1839-60)**Tintypes** (1855 - 1900)**Ambrotypes** (1851 - 1865)



http://archfoto.atspace.com/daginsten.html





IDENTIFICATION OF MAJOR PROCESSES

Cyanotypes (1840, popular 1880-1920)

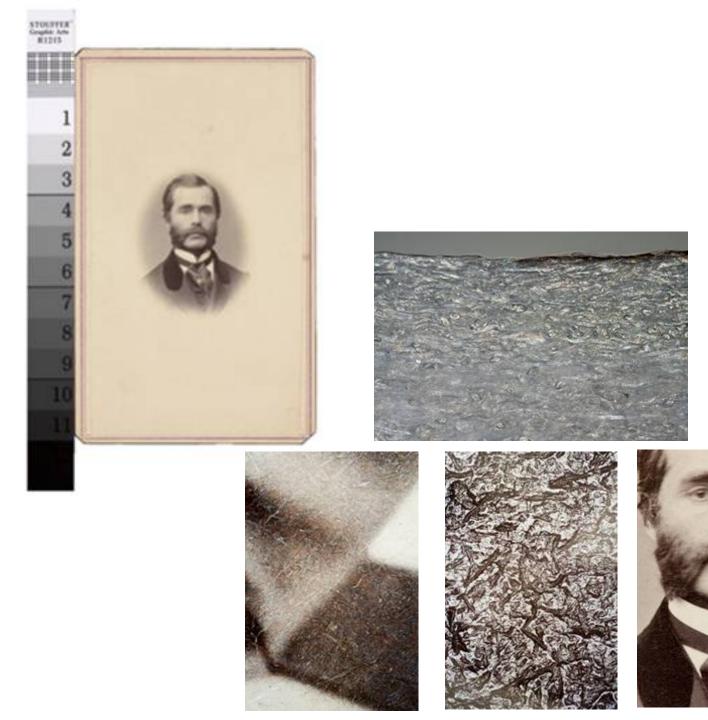




DETERIORATION

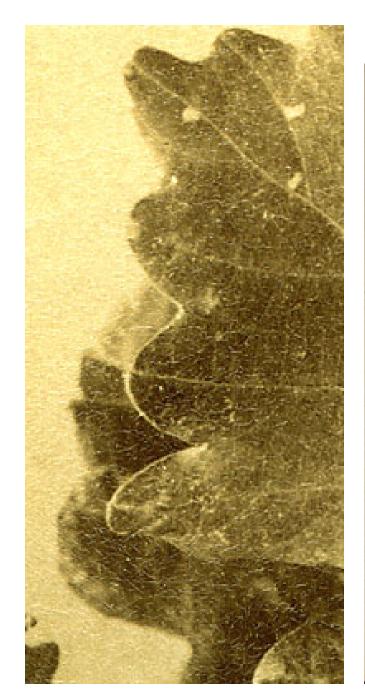
Cyanotypes (1840, popular 1880-1920)





IDENTIFICATION OF MAJOR PROCESSES Albumen prints (1850s-1920 (popular 1850-95)







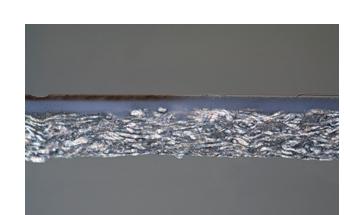
DETERIORATION Albumen prints• Cracking

- Fading
- Curling







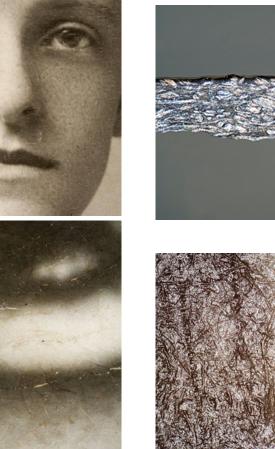




IDENTIFICATION OF MAJOR PROCESSES Collodion Printing Out (1867-1930)





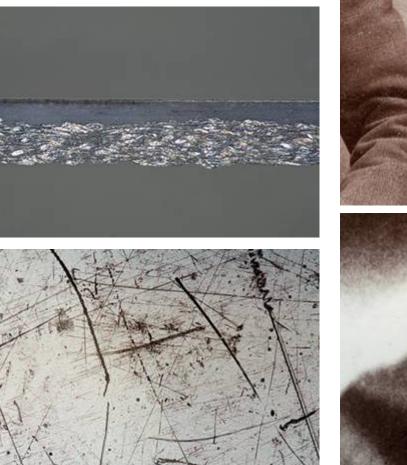


IDENTIFICATION OF MAJOR PROCESSES Matte Collodion (1893-1920)











IDENTIFICATION OF MAJOR PROCESSES Silver Gelatin Printing Out

(1880-1920)





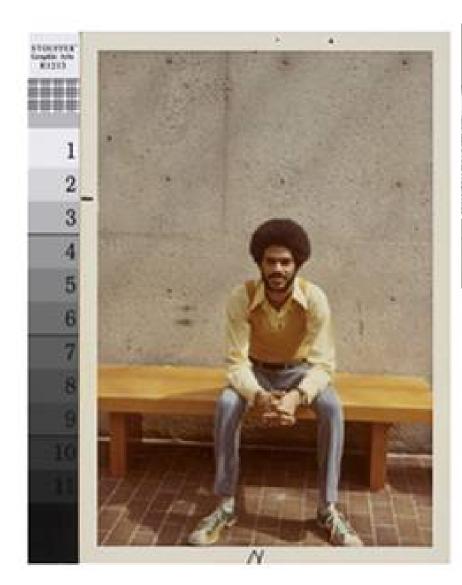


IDENTIFICATION OF MAJOR PROCESSES Silver Gelatin Developing Out (1900-2000)



DETERIORATION Silver Gelatin Printing Out (1880-1920)

Silver Gelatin Developing Out (1900-2000)







IDENTIFICATION OF MAJOR PROCESSES

Chromogenic Color (1946-2000)







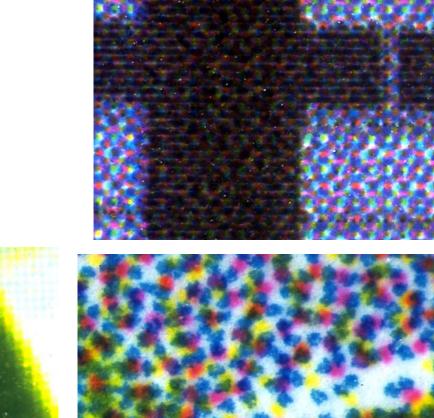
IDENTIFICATION OF MAJOR PROCESSES Instant/Polaroids B&W (1947-2008) Color (1963-2008)



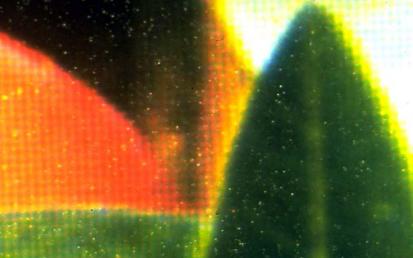


DETERIORATION Chromogenic Color (1946-2000) Instant/Polaroids B&W (1947-2008) Color (1963-2008)





IDENTIFICATION OF MAJOR **PROCESSES Digital Prints** Ink Jet (1984present) **Dye Diffusion** (1989-present)





<u>Collotype (1870 – 1930s)</u> <u>Photogravure (1880 – 1930s)</u> <u>Rotogravure (1880s – 1930s)</u> <u>Letter Press Halftones (1885 -)</u> Photochrom (1888–1920s) <u>Color Offset Lithography (1904 -)</u>

TIMELINE OF PHOTO REPROGRAPHIC PROCESSES

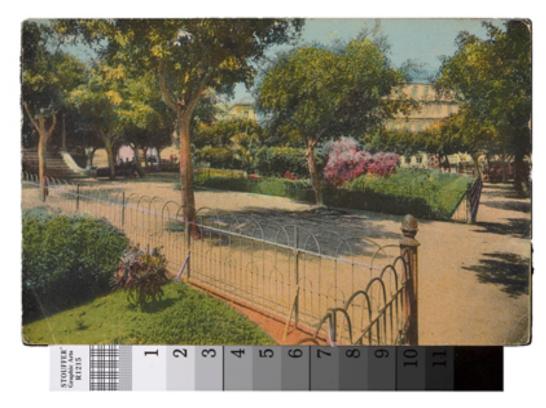
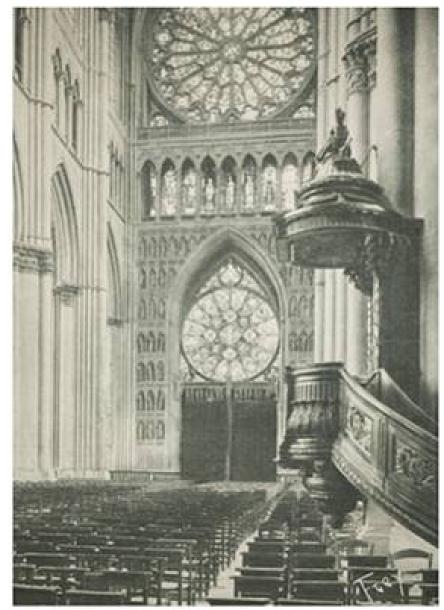






PHOTO-REPROGRAPHIC PROCESSES Collotype (1870 – 1930s)





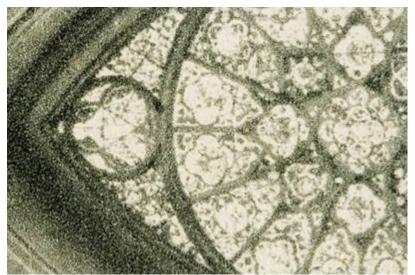




PHOTO-REPROGRAPHIC PROCESSES

Photogravure (1880 – 1930s)





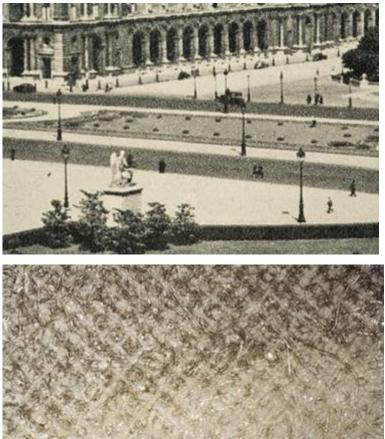


PHOTO-REPROGRAPHIC PROCESSES

Rotogravure (1880s – 1930s)





PHOTO-REPROGRAPHIC PROCESSES Letter Press Halftones (1885 – present)

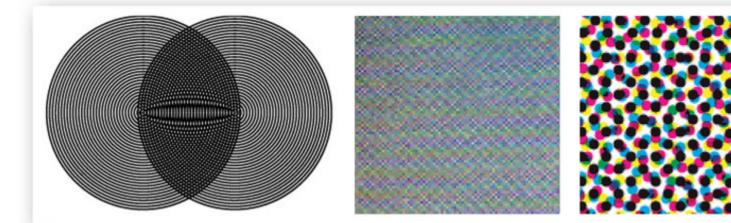








PHOTO-REPROGRAPHIC PROCESSES Color Offset Lithography (1880 – present)





GENERAL PHOTO PRESERVATION TIPS

- Store in buffered or pH neutral folders/boxes(7.0-10.0)
- Sleeve photos only if handled frequently or exceptionally fragile
- Proper Care and Handling (Conservation does workshops)
- Limit light exposure
- Control Humidity & Temperature (50% RH +/- 5%, 70 °F +/- 5°F)
- Limit pollution & Airborne Particulates
- Never apply pressure sensitive tapes, staples, paper clips, or rubber bands
- When in need or doubt contact Conservation Laboratory or Preservation Services

http://www.conservation-us.org/about-conservation/caring-for-yourtreasures/paper#.WPwjolMrLGI



PHOTOGRAPHIC PRESERVATION STORAGE

Storage

- RH low (30-40%)
- Cold Storage (Frozen)
 - Color, cellulose based film
- Cool Storage (50-60°F/10-15°C)
 - Most other photographic formats

Light

- Dark storage ideal, necessary for color, cyanotypes, slated paper prints, and poorly fixed albumen and silver gelatin
- (200-400 lux)



QUESTIONS?

Look! Color offset lithography!



