

# How to Protect Family Photos and Records

What's the best way to store old letters and family papers to protect them from weather disasters and normal deterioration? The North Carolina State Archives offers a series of five YouTube tutorials that provide information on the care and preservation of family treasures. We've provided links to the tutorials below.

[Identifying the Protecting Essential Family Records](#) provides an overview of how to identify what family records are essential to protect in the event of a disaster.

[General Paper Preservation Tips](#) describes how paper deteriorates and notes the steps you can take to extend the life of family papers in your care.

[Caring for and Sharing Family and Personal Papers](#) is a step-by-step guide on how to organize, care for and share family papers.



[The Care and Preservation of Family Photographs](#) provides an overview of the care and handling of family photographs as well as dos and don'ts for the proper care of photos.

[Managing and Preserving Digital Images](#) emphasizes the importance of good management and record-keeping when caring for digital photographs, as well as suggestions for easy access to a digital photograph collection and tips for retaining digital data.

