

How Do I Preserve My Documents, Photographs, and Digital Memories?

Looking for a way to preserve all those holiday photos and videos for future generations to see? On Saturday, January 5 at 10:30 a.m., the Delaware Public Archives will present a program to show how to preserve items such as old photographs, documents, and digitized memories on CDs, DVDs, and flash drives. This workshop will provide you with the knowledge needed to care for and preserve those irreplaceable memories. Presented by the staff of the Delaware Public Archives and the Delaware Government Information Center, this preservation workshop will include basic information and instruction on proper handling and storage of family papers, photographs and digital media to ensure long term preservation.

Archives staff member, Sarah Denison, will be presenting information on the conservation and preservation of paper documents and photographs. Ms. Denison has processed a number of document collections including Civil War letters in the Small Manuscript Collection, Board of Education photographs, and Sussex County Orphans Court Records. She is currently processing and cataloguing the George and Irene Caley Postcard Collection which will be available to the public in the spring of 2013. In addition to these responsibilities, Ms. Denison also serves as the coordinator of the DPA Twitter account.

Concerning digital records, Mike Mahaffie, Deputy Director of the Delaware Government Information Center, will be addressing what is needed to save your digital memories. Highlighting his discussion will be a quick history of ways people have been saving digital records, things to do to determine what is important, what is needed to maintain your digital moments as technology changes, and the various ways available to save what's important to you based on cost and longevity.

The program is free to the public. No reservations are required. For more information, contact Tom Summers [\(302\) 744-5047](tel:3027445047) or e-mail thomas.summers@state.de.us.

For more information about the Delaware Public Archives, please visit the website at <http://archives.delaware.gov>. You can also become a follower of the Archives Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/DelawarePublicArchives>) and read the Archives blog (<http://archives.blogs.delaware.gov/>) to learn more about events and other items of interest at the Archives.

The Delaware Public Archives is located at 121 Duke of York Street in Dover. The Mabel Lloyd Ridgely Research Room is open to the public Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. On the second Saturday of every month the research room is open from 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

The Delaware Public Archives (DPA, archives.delaware.gov), an agency of the State of Delaware, is one of the oldest public archives programs in the United States. DPA serves the citizens of Delaware by identifying, collecting, and preserving public records of enduring historical and evidential value; ensuring access to public records for present and future generations; and advising and educating interested parties in the creation, management, use, and preservation of public records.

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