
Preserving Your Memories: Traditional and Digital Scrapbooking for Preservation

Overview

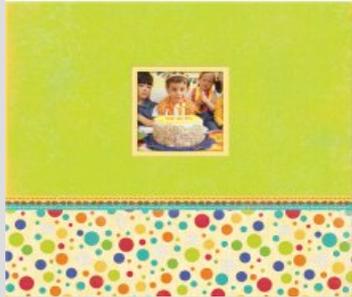
- Choosing materials and formats
- Common mistakes
- Alternatives to use to avoid these mistakes



Choosing Materials and Formats for Your Scrapbook



Choosing an Album



- Paper, cloth, leather, and plastic each have advantages and disadvantages.
- Plastic covered albums may eventually deteriorate and off gas chemicals that can damage nearby objects.
- Fake leather, a very popular scrapbook material, is actually an unstable plastic.



Choosing an Album



Image from Google



Choosing an Album



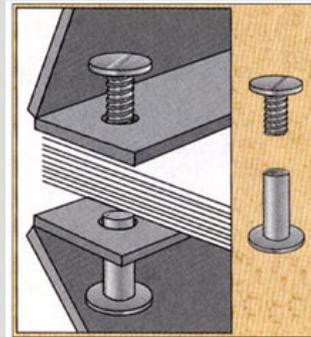
The Tilghman Scrapbook
(Maryland Historical Society)



Choosing an Album

Specially designed album structures:

- Screw Post Bindings
- Ring Binder
- With Spacers



Screw post binding (image from currys.com)



Album structure with spacers (image from bagsoflove.com)



Choosing Paper

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Paper- phrases to look for:

- Lignin free
- 100% rag or alpha-cellulose
- Buffered
- Passed P.A.T.



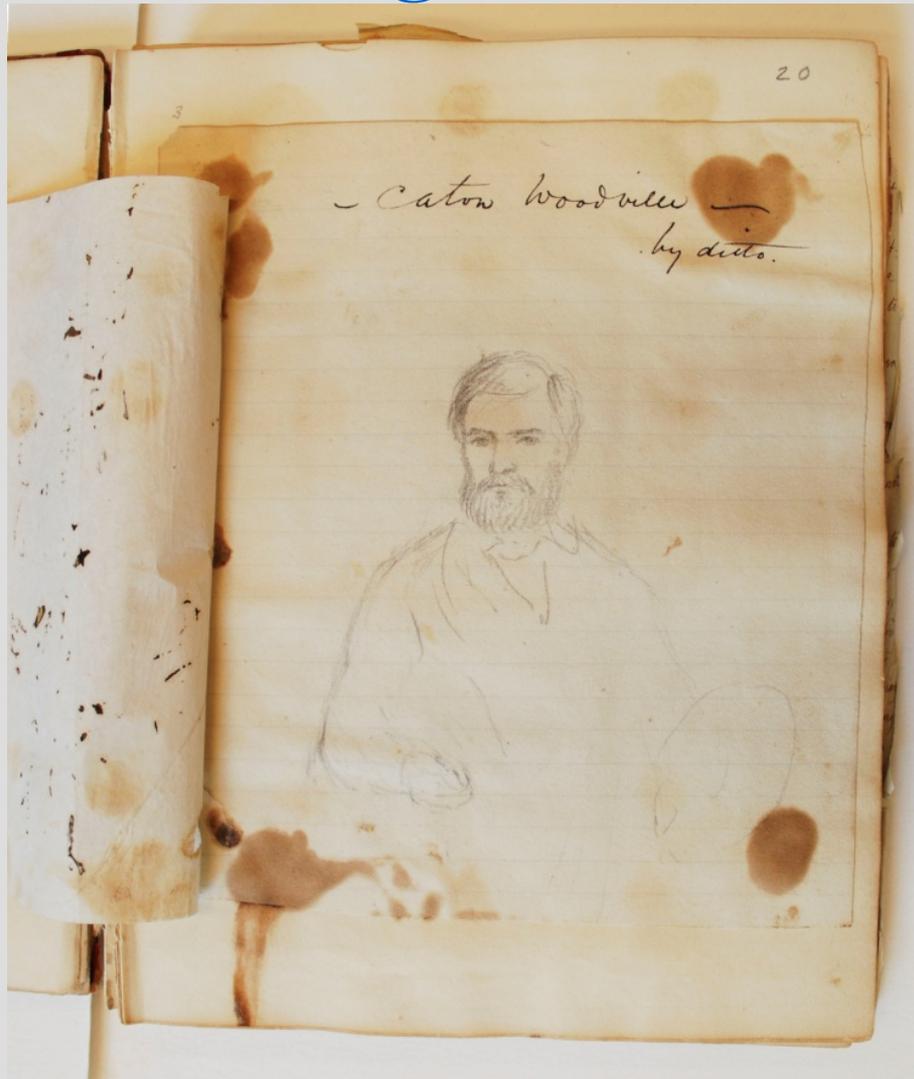
Choosing Sleeves

Page protectors/ photo sleeves:

- Polyethylene
- Polypropylene



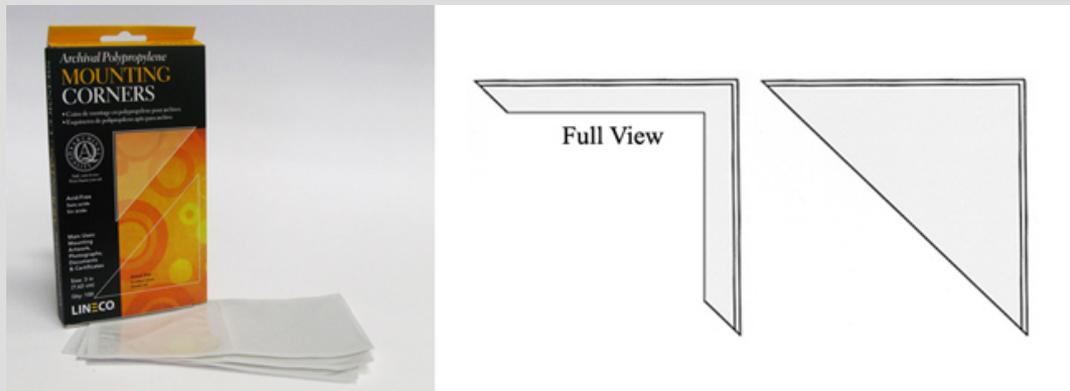
Choosing Adhesives



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Adhesives:

- Cold water wheat starch
- Photo corners



Polyester photo mounting corners (image from talasonline.com)

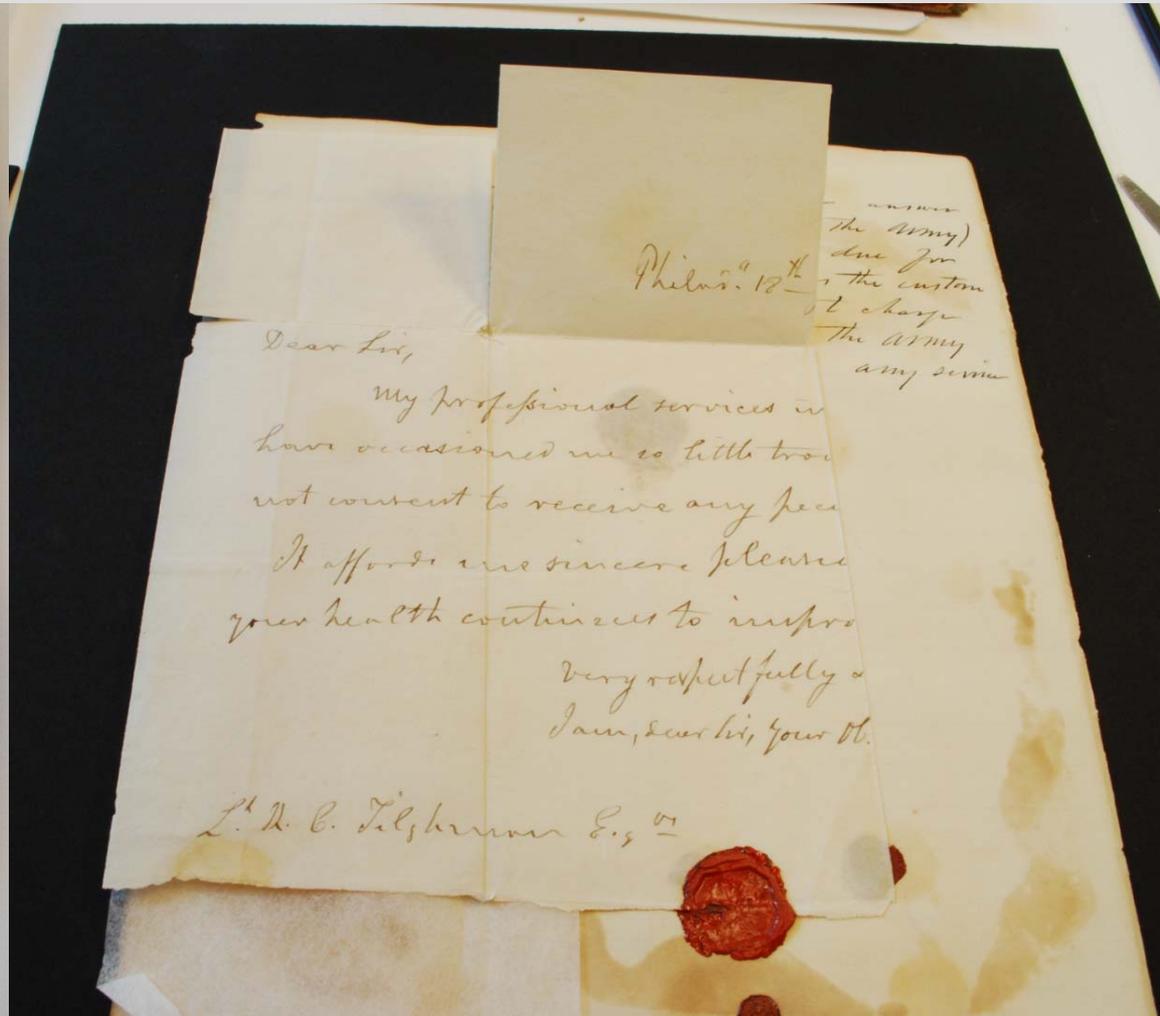
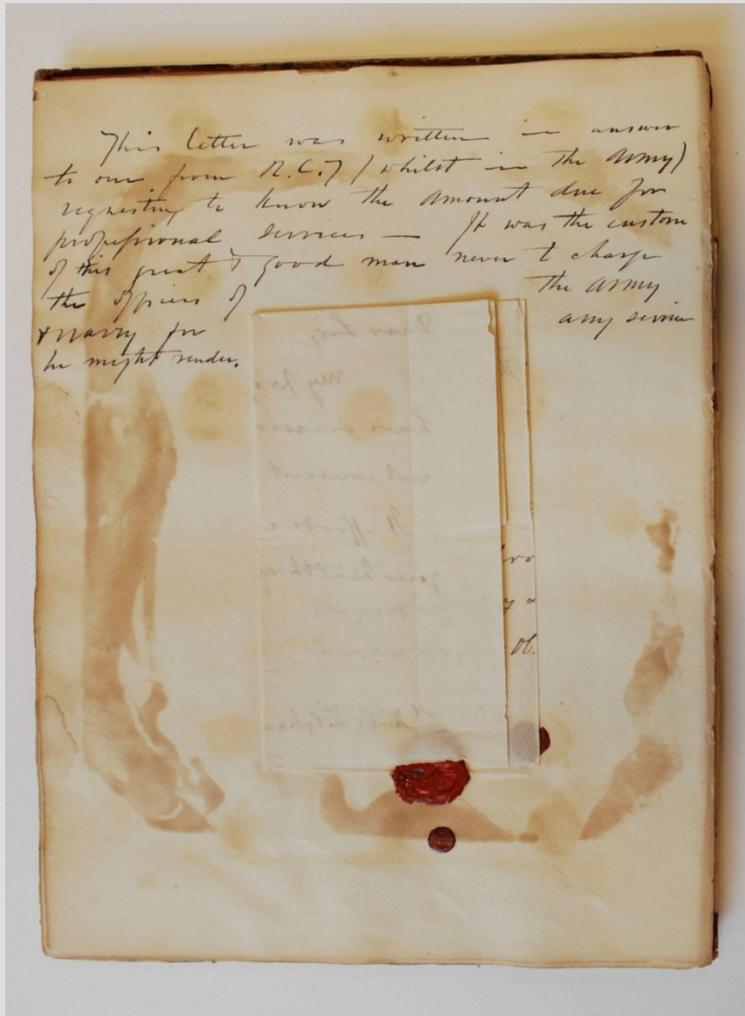


Jun funori cold water starch paste (image from talasonline.com)

Common Mistakes



Folded Items



Folded Items

Alternatives:

- Unfold the item and hinge into place so that both sides can be seen
- Place the item into its own polyester sleeve so that both sides can be seen



Large Items

of St. Paul's (P.E.) Church
I have long delayed to write to you Rev. - it was not
till after that respect I owe you Rev. - I have inclosed in
this to do please? I trust that many cases of this nature
have given of paper would not be sufficient to describe
in bed, I have not excepted, I went to sleep at 12 o'clock
very heavy offend, I have send him to the prison, & he
I feel shame no courage enough for it, I could not
lected some time ago, a good woman proper
all life; I have found little difficulty in it
I shall never leave to complaining against of
ceed ~~to~~ me to the Alms house, and reduce
tears people, never was in my life to any
stage of the Alms house, not having my
I write with out any fault, in April 1836
my ruin ditto - in March 1847
I little property. I have made up - 1847
I am very unfortunate to be a bachelor
if them come some persons to ask you
the good words, them shall be, Protestant
one of the following: M. G. Johnson.
M. G. Johnson, I believe, I dont know
out mistake - Over



Large Items

Alternatives:

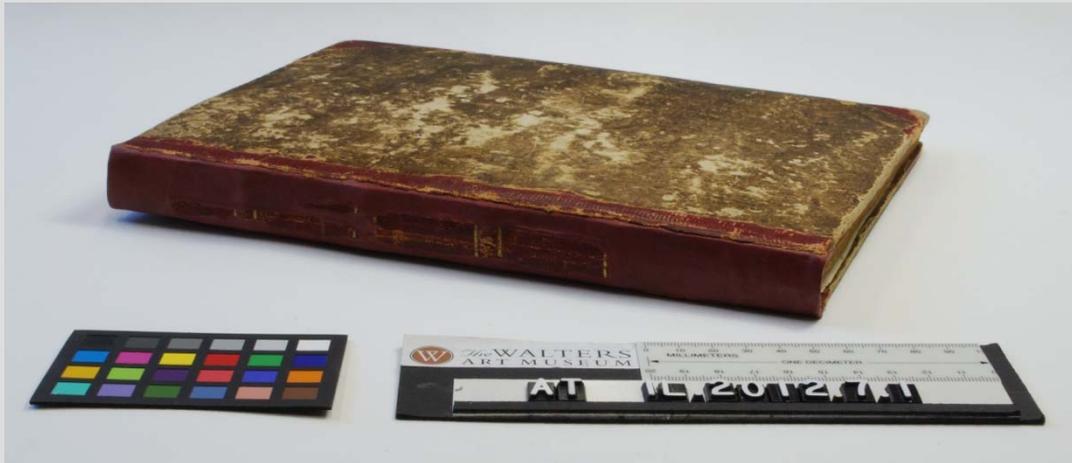
- Get a bigger album
- Place the item into its own enclosure (polyester sleeve or acid-free folder)
- Make as few folds as possible and accept the damage



Strategic Placement



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<http://www.archival.com/productcatalog/index.shtml>

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www.rap-arcc.org

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