



Restoring old photos

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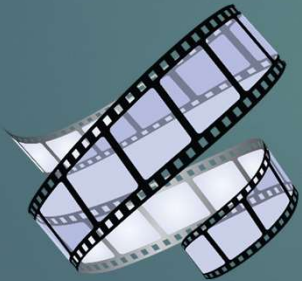


Where to get photos digitized

- ▶ Your own (or a friend's) printer for scanning prints
- ▶ Beaverbrook branch of Ottawa Public Library. Call to book media centre (prints, slides, negatives, 8mm film, etc.)

These will do negatives, slides, prints, etc.:

- ▶ Keepsakes Scan – has Ottawa locations
<https://anispooner.wixsite.com/keepsakescan>
- ▶ GCP Lab Works – Bank St. <https://www.gpclabworks.ca/>
- ▶ Bytown Video Productions (two locations in Nepean)
<https://bytownvideoproductions.com>
- ▶ Jiffy Photo and Print (Hazeldean) <https://jiffyphotoandprint.com>
- ▶ Sooters Photograhly – two locations: Bank, Riverside
<https://1996photolab.com>
- ▶ Michael Willem- Orleans <https://www.michaelwillemsphoto.com/>



Prices on Keepsakes Scan website

PHOTOGRAPHS

Loose Photographs, up to 8.5" x 11.5"

1-250 \$0.74 each

251-500 \$0.62 each

501-1000 \$0.51 each

1001+ \$0.42 each

Scanned @600 dpi

AUDIO

Cassette Tapes, Audio Reels, Vinyl Record,
Micro Dictation Tapes, DAT Tapes

\$34.99 each Cassette Tape

\$47.99 each Other Audio Format

SLIDES & NEGATIVES

35mm, Super 35 mm, 110, 126, 127,
127 Superslide, medium formats

1-250 \$1.24 each

251-500 \$1.12 each

501-1000 \$0.99 each

1001+ \$0.88 each

Scanned @ 2600dpi

FILM

8mm, Super 8

3" Reel 50ft - \$45

4" Reel 100ft - \$70

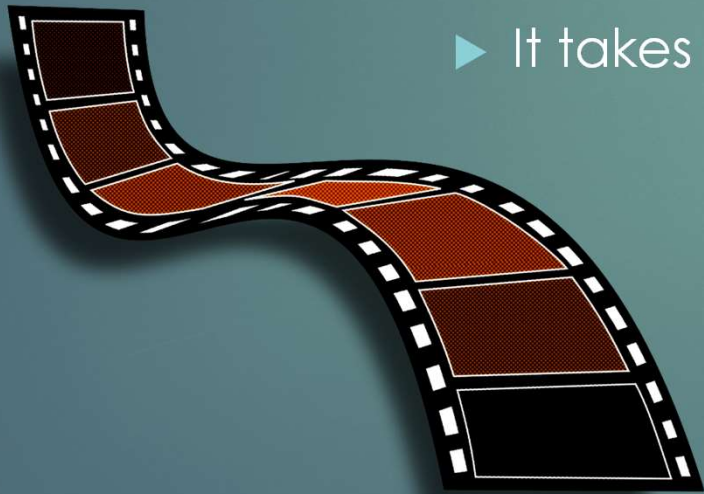
5" Reel 200ft - \$135

6" Reel 300ft - \$200

7" Reel 400ft - \$280

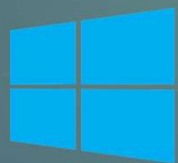
Don't delay

- ▶ Colour prints can fade.
- ▶ Kodochrome slides last but not all brands.
- ▶ Oily marks or swirls develop on negatives.
- ▶ Plastic sleeves can fuse to a photo.
- ▶ Floods, fires, tornados can destroy memories.
- ▶ It takes time! Break into small projects.



Editing photos

- ▶ Download free Photoscape X from <http://photoscape.org/ps/main/download.php>
- ▶ **Make copies** of your originals first (although program creates a backup folder)
- ▶ Open program and click on the **Editor** tab
- ▶ Drag photo into work area
- ▶ Paid version (\$70 CDN) includes clone brush. Paid version not available for Mac. Can put on **6 computers**.



Windows 10



Windows 11



Mac OS

10.10 or newer



1919





1896

Kate Soutar



1908 photo – rescuable?





Soutar family – 1898



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NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.



Geo. R. Norton

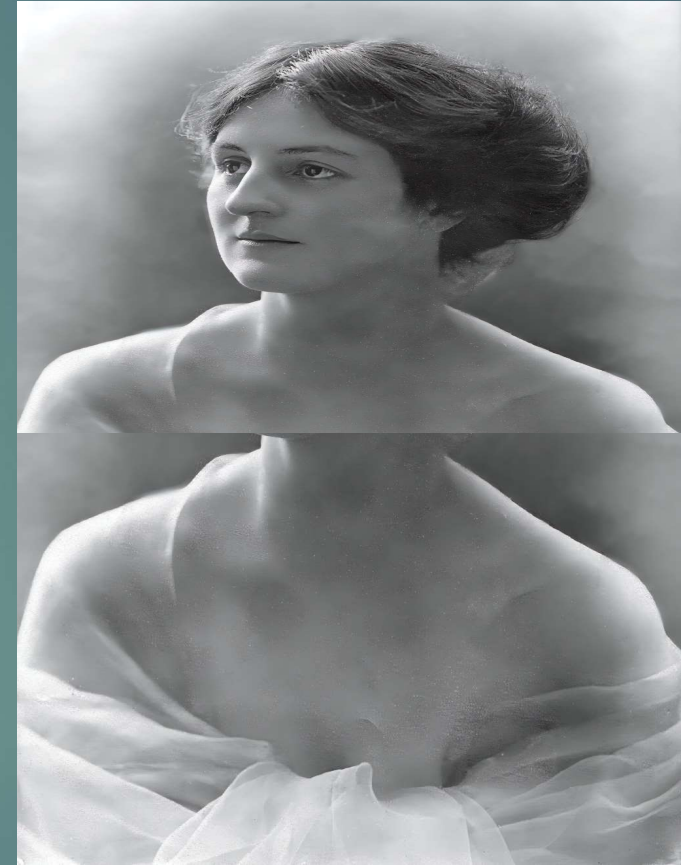




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1910

Original scan

Using Photoscape X

Using ON-1





Trail, BC, 1950







Using AI instead of editing





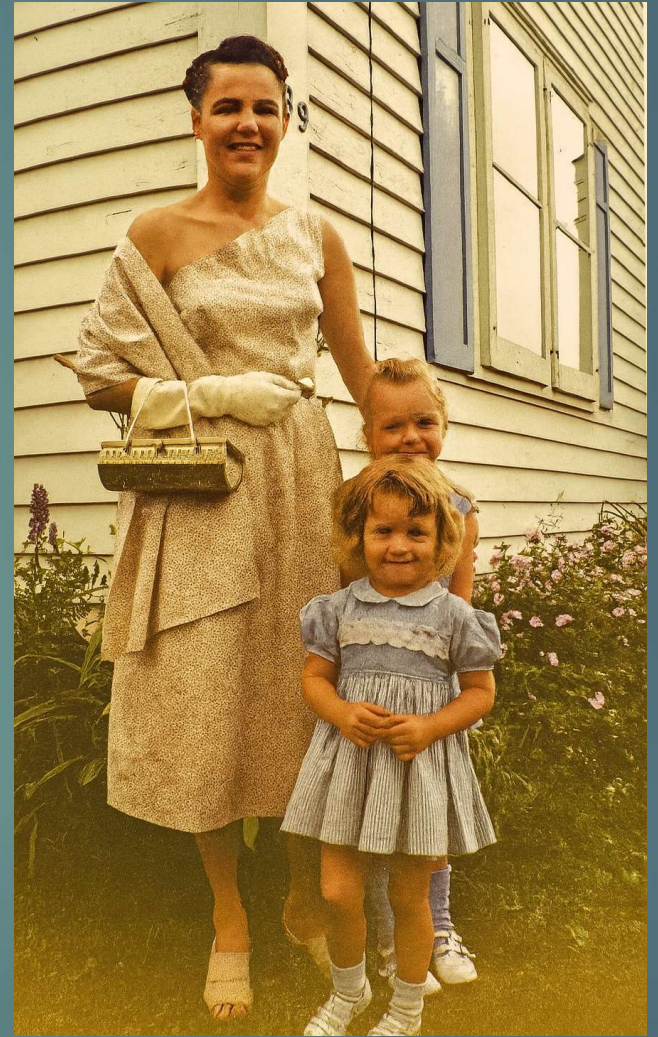
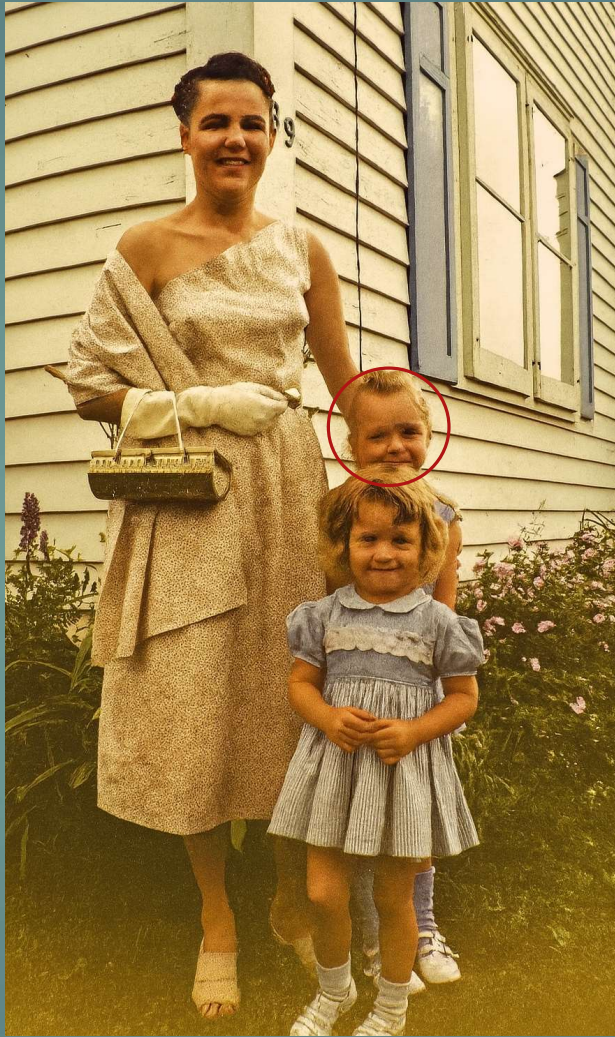
Spot removal,
contrast, denoise,
sharpen.



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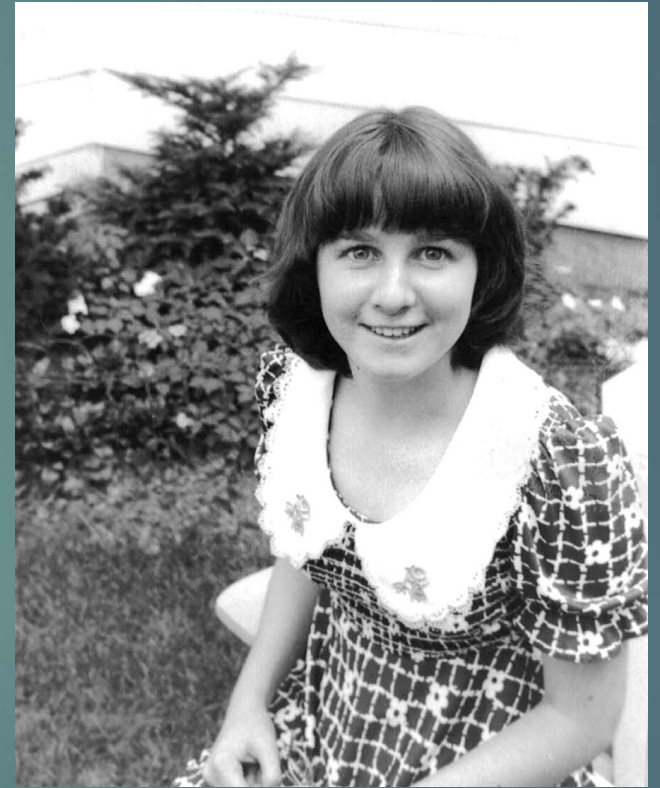
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Tips for cleaning portraits

- ▶ Make eyes sparkle – sharpen, whiten
- ▶ Remove some (or all) reflections off glasses
- ▶ Adjust skin tones, saturate lips
- ▶ Remove scratches and lines
- ▶ Remove acne blemishes
- ▶ Whiten teeth
- ▶ Consider shifting to black and white
- ▶ Use noise reduction on skin if grainy
- ▶ Correct colour cast



Consider a collage

- ▶ Allows you to keep images small
- ▶ Can print on regular 8x10 photo paper
- ▶ Can put in a standard frame
- ▶ Can create in Photoscape X

Consider a hard copy photo book

- ▶ Allows you to keep images small
- ▶ Can be done on line with Photobook Canada, Shutterfly, Blacks etc.
- ▶ Makes a great gift and reasonable price if you wait for sales



OrleansPhotoClb



Orleans Photo Club



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- Monthly meetings, Saturday morning
- Some in-person, some zoom
- Monthly challenges/competitions (optional)
- Regular outings and workshops
- Excellent speakers from Can & USA
- Queenswood Heights Community Centre, Dufour Dr
- \$75 per year

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Thank You

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Demonstration

