
Getting started with your family photo collection

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What we will cover today

Introduction

Getting started

Sorting and reducing

Digitising and backing up

Organising digital collections

Future planning

Efficient organisation

Future-proofing

Family involvement

Additional tips

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Practical session

← Albums



1920s Gill
6 items



1930s Wrights
120 items • Shared



1940s-1950s dad
childhood
97 items • Shared



1969 Mum and
dads wedding
19 items



What is a photo estate?

Definition of a photo estate

- an entire collection of printed and digital photographs
- includes albums, slides, negatives, and related memorabilia

Significance of a photo estate

- represents a lifetime of memories
- holds family history passed down through generations

Managing a photo estate

- organising and preserving images
- digitising photos for future accessibility

Where do you start?

- Collect all albums and loose photos
- Gather all memory sticks and USBs
- Find where you keep all digital photos



Making sense of the mess

Back up all digital photos

- Ensure all photos are backed up before sorting

Remove photos from mismatched albums

- Sort photos chronologically into boxes
- Use index cards with dates and notes

Avoid nostalgia while sorting

- Save nostalgic moments for the end to avoid delays!



Photos to keep



Curate a quality collection

Organise photos to tell your family's story



Photos to keep

Milestone moments
Clear and meaningful images

Photos to throw away

Duplicates

- Multiple copies of the same photo

Blurry shots

- Photos that are out of focus

Unidentifiable people

- Photos of people you can't recognize



Digitising and backing up

Scan photos for preservation

- Allows sharing with multiple people
- Protects from fading, damage, or loss

Back up scanned photos

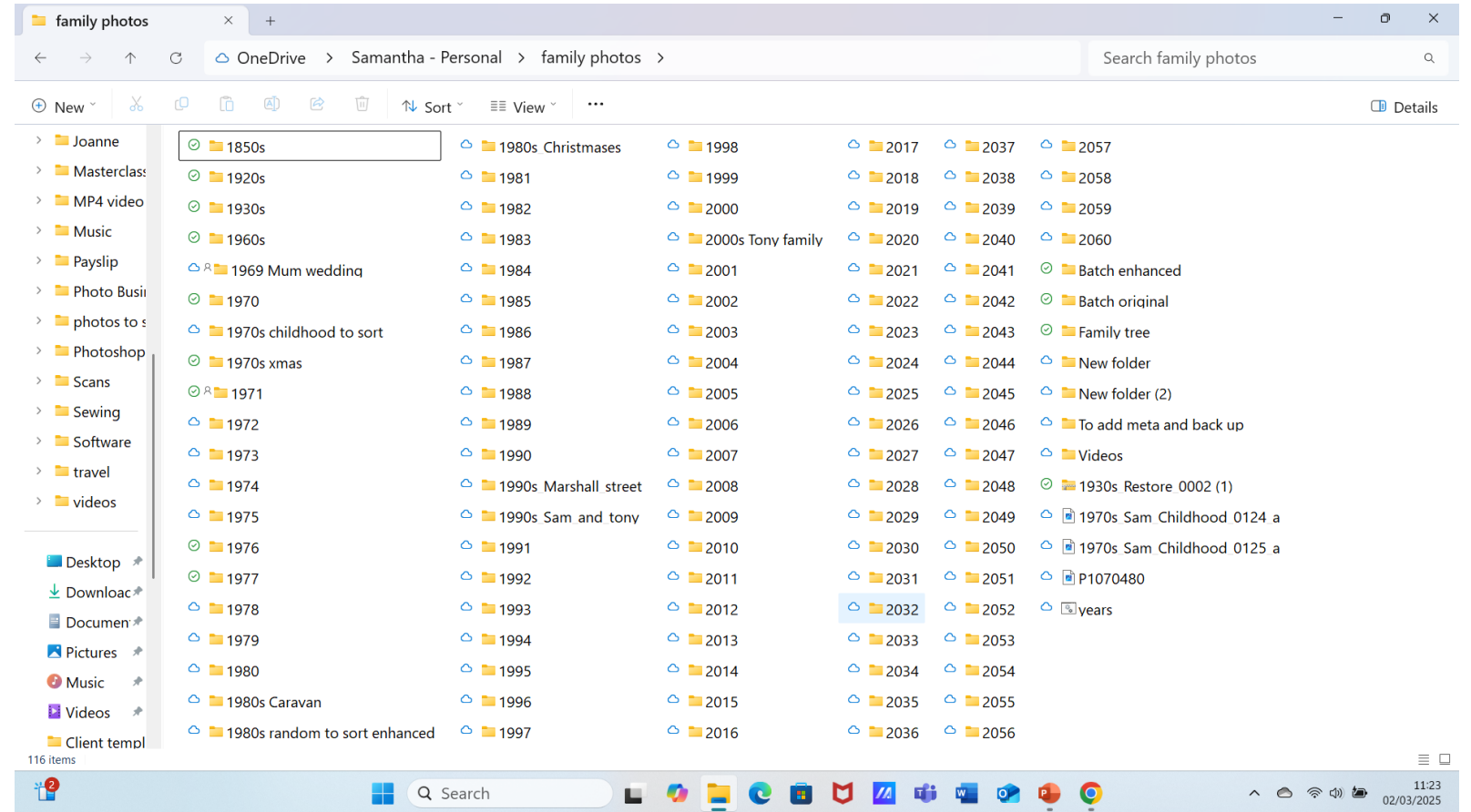
- Use memory sticks or cloud storage
- Three backups are recommended

Restore old or damaged photos

- Consider using restoration tools or services



Organising your digital photos (PC users)



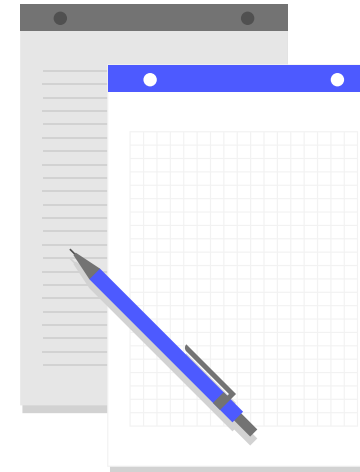
Planning for cloud storage and back up

Assess and clean up regularly

- Curate photos: Regularly sort through photos, keeping only the best and most meaningful ones
- Discard unnecessary images

Remove duplicates

- Identify and remove duplicates to reduce storage needs



Organise photos efficiently



Use metadata and tags

Organize photos by date, event, and location

Helps find photos faster

Reduces duplicates

Aids in decision-making about what to keep

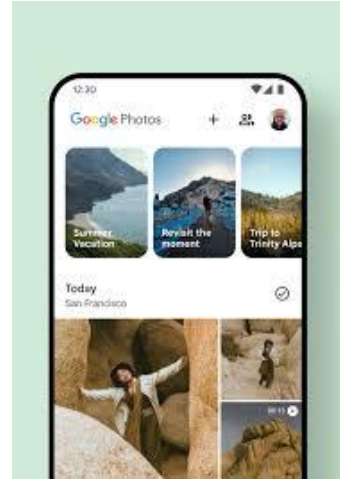


Set priorities

Keep only the most meaningful or high-quality images

Important as the collection grows

Organise your digital photos (phone users)



Google Photos and iCloud for backups

- Google offers 15GB free across Drive, email, and photos
- Store approximately 3,000 photos for free
- Paid plans start at £1.50 for 100GB, up to £8.00/month for 2TB
- iCloud offers 5GB free across files, photos, and emails

Standard Smartphone Photos (5MB each)

- 5GB = 1,000 photos

Plan for Managing Photo Storage

- Develop a plan to manage increasing photo storage and future costs



iCloud

Storage plans

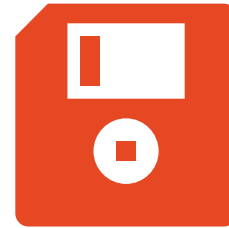


Cloud storage

Choose a cloud storage provider with flexible options

Consider upgrading your cloud plan as storage needs grow

Compare pricing across providers for best value



External hard drives/USBs

Invest in large external hard drives or USB drives (1TB or 2TB)

Use backup software to regularly back up photos

Ensure safety if one storage method fails



Getting the family involved

Collaborate with family members

- Discuss strategies for managing shared photo collections
- Set clear guidelines for storage and backup

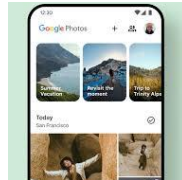
Storage management

- Curate photos carefully
- Use a combination of cloud and local storage
- Manage storage space efficiently

Extra tips



Deleting a photo in iCloud
is permanent
No other backup exists



Android

Ensure Google Photos
backup is activated



Android Gallery

Deleting from gallery
doesn't affect Google
Photos
Gallery and Google
Photos are separate



WhatsApp Photos

May not be backed up to
cloud unless allowed
WhatsApp can consume a
lot of storage
Have a plan to manage
WhatsApp photos

Wrapping up

Ongoing process of managing photos

Requires continuous effort and attention

Involves regular updates and maintenance

Importance of using the right tools and strategy

Ensures memories are well-preserved

Makes photos accessible for future generations

Steps to protect family stories

Organizing photos systematically

Digitizing physical photos

Backing up digital copies

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Preserve your photos

Services include:

- Professional photo scanning (20p per photo)
- Photo restoration
- Photo organising

Questions?



Part 2 practical session:

Backup Verification

- Ensure your data is backed up

Face Recognition

- Verify that face recognition is enabled

Metadata Management

- Learn how to add metadata to your photos

Photo Deletion and Search

- Learn how to delete photos
- Practice searching for photos

Album Creation

- Practice creating photo albums

Effective Photo Deletion Tips

