

## YOUR ULTIMATE FAMILY PHOTO PROJECT



### DISPOSE category

All that remains are the photographs that you don't wish to keep. Before discarding them, consider alternative disposal methods including donating, re-purposing and selling (Figure 2).


Some people choose to discard their photographs after scanning them. This is not something I recommend because digital files may become unviewable in a relatively short period of time due to technology obsolescence. Carefully preserved physical photographs will last considerably longer than the technology required to view their digital counterparts if digital file migration is not practised (See Step 5).

If scanning all your family history photographs feels overwhelming, Project Based Organisation (PBO)<sup>9</sup> may help. With PBO, you choose a subset of photographs, for example, photographs of one person, one family, or a single event. Focusing on fewer photographs, especially when learning, means you get an end product much faster. When you've completed your first project, you choose the next one, and so on, until all your photographs are organised and preserved.

Preserving my family history photographs lets me quickly find, share, use and enjoy them. It has given me a peace of mind that comes from knowing the photographs are safe should

Physical photographs in archive-quality photo sleeves and a ringbinder box, in the same order as the digital photographs in the Digital Photo Hub.

a real-world or technological disaster strike, and that I have created a valuable and treasured legacy worthy of passing on to my heirs. The process of identifying, dating and organising the photographs has provided the added bonus of stimulating and enriching my family history research. I hope you will achieve all of this too!

Next month is all about enhancing and sharing your family history photographs ... 

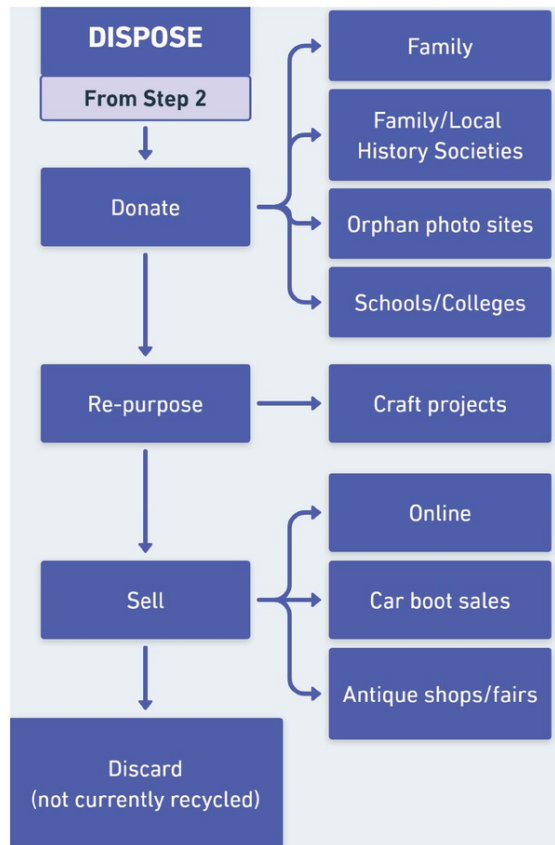


Figure 2. Ideas for donating, re-purposing or selling unwanted photographs.

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