

HOW TO IDENTIFY EARLY PHOTOGRAPHS

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DAGUERROTYPES

- First portraits made
- 1840 – 1856
- Photo on copper plate
- In protected case

AMBROTYPES

- Negative on glass with black backing
- 1854 – 1870's
- In protected case
- May be on white glass

TIN TYPES

- Photo on iron magnet test
- 1856 – still taken
- No case needed, but sometimes in a case

CDV

- Photo on paper
- 1858 – 1920's
- Advertisement on back

CABINET

- Photo on paper
- 1867 – 1920's
- 4 1/4" x 6 1/2"
- Advertisement on front/back

STEREOTYPE

- 1845? – 1930's
- Requires stereo viewer

POSTCARD

- 1910's – 1920's
- On paper for mailing
- Portrait of scenic

ELONGATED

- 1870's - 1940's
- Family reunions, military, business meeting

BLUE PHOTOS

- 1910'S – 1930'S
- SPECIAL EVENTS