

Digitizing Your Family History Collections

Digitizing Negatives & Transparencies

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Negatives and Transparencies

- Some flatbed scanners have transparency adapters for 35 mm film and slides, medium format, and 4 x 5 film.



Negatives and Transparencies

- Cameras can also photograph film.
 - Use a lightbox to illuminate negatives and transparencies
- Specialized slide and negative scanners are also available.



Preparing the Scanner and Film

- Wipe both top and bottom glass to remove dust and fingerprints.
- Handle film with gloves and hold by the edges.
- Use a brush or air blower to clean film before scanning.
- Follow scanner directions when placing film.



Scanning Negatives and Film

1. Clean scanner and film.
2. Place film or slides in film holders and put on scanner.
3. Select image settings.
4. Preview.
5. Select each frame and adjust for color and exposure as necessary.
6. Scan final image(s).

Adjusting Color for Transparencies, Negatives and Film

- In most cases, you will need to adjust the exposure and color of these items for the highest quality image
- You should adjust exposure through your scanner's preview software as you scan
 - Adjust additional color in your photo editor after scanning is complete



For best results with color negatives, edit the preview before scanning, and do additional color correction in an image editor later.

Adjusting color negatives





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