

# Family History Presentation

## Organizing Family Pictures

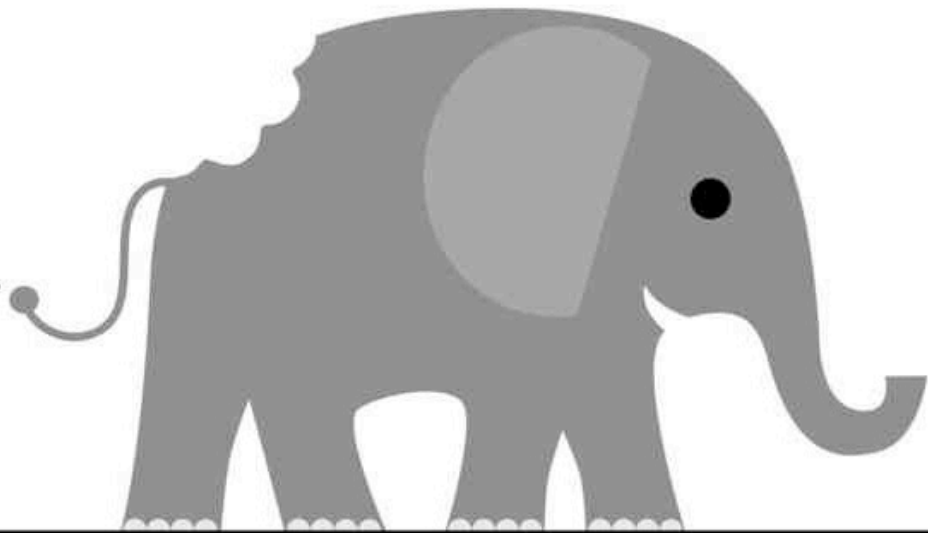
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HOW DO YOU EAT AN ELEPHANT?

ONE BITE  
AT A TIME



# Four Steps

1. Overview
2. Label
3. Organize Hard Copy Pictures
4. Scan, Backup and Organize Digital Pictures

# Overview



# Label Pictures

The four Ws



# Label Pictures

When

Where

What

Who



# Label Pictures

**When** 1950 03 29

**Where**

**What**

**Who**



# Label Pictures

When

**Where** 1950 03 29 in front of  
Eveleth High School

What

Who





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Where

**What** 1950 03 29 in front of  
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Day of their Engagement

Who



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**Who**      **1950 03 29 in front of  
Eveleth High School  
Day of their Engagement  
Marcia Johnson and Marshall Anderson**

108 characters and spaces

If writing on the back of a picture use a pencil or archival pen



# Label Pictures

Family Portrait Signe and Ralph Johnson  
with their children

L to R Signe Amanda Johnson holding  
Ronald Carl Ralph William Johnson in  
chair with Ralph William Jr and  
Marcia Johnson ca 1935

196 characters and spaces



# Label Pictures

Post-it notes can be useful when sorting and doing initial identification but can become unattached

185 characters and spaces



BACK! D.V. WEST, COACH  
CENTER ROW! ANNA SANNICOLA, MARION RUTTY  
AND MONICA FARLEY  
FRONT ROW! MAMIE HILL, HELMA JOHNSON,  
SIGNE (NIEMI) JOHNSON AND HILDA FRANE  
EVELETH HIGH SCHOOL - 1915

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## Boxes and/or Albums

Archival materials best



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## **Organizing Principles**

Chronological

Locations - e.g., where we lived

People - e.g., Baby books, grandparents

Activities - e.g., vacations, weddings, holidays

# Scan, Backup and Organize Digital Pictures

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**Family pictures all in one place**

**Easy to share**

**Easy for digital frame**

**Easy to access if making a Family History Book**

**Offsite storage of digital files provides extra security**

**Ability to touch up pictures**

# Minor Adjustments



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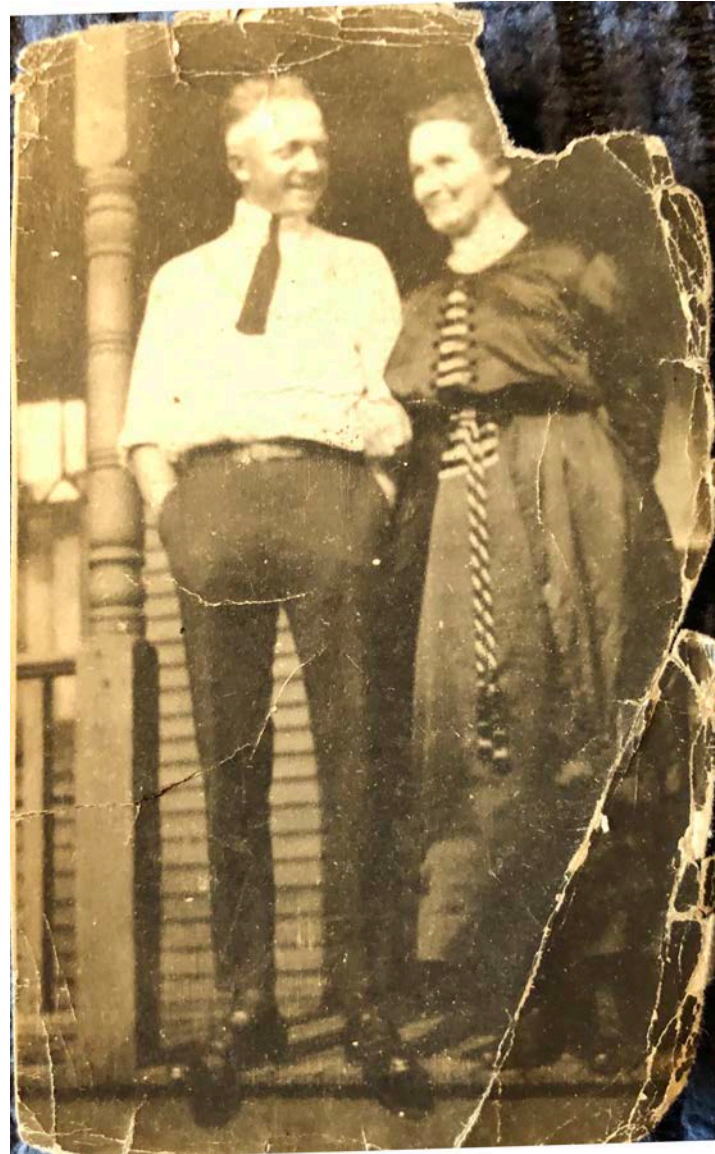
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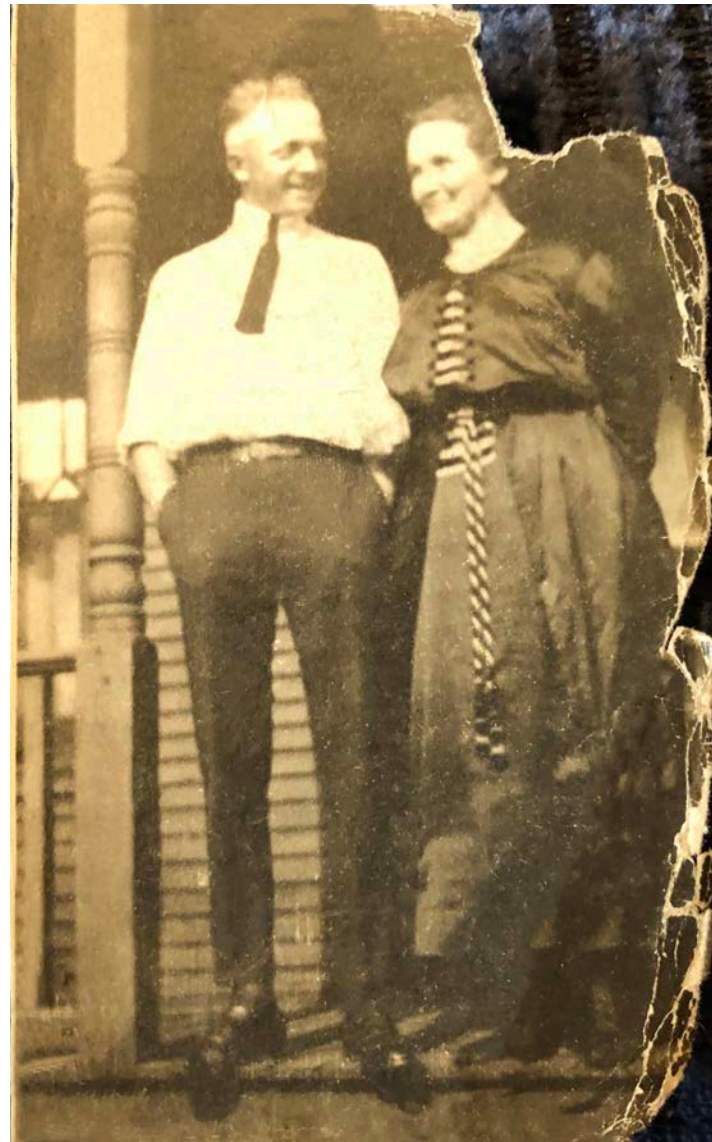
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## Do it yourself or commercial service?

Tradeoff of time and money may be an important consideration

### **Flat bed scanners**

<https://techgearoid.com/scanners/best-flatbed-scanners/>

### **On-line photo and negative scanning**

<https://www.toptenreviews.com/best-photo-scanning-services>



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## **Advantages**

Albums or folders can help bring order

Keywords can help locate photos

Facial Recognition can be fun, but you need to help the program learn

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...what does it cost?

...what rights does the service have to the use of your photos?

...If you delete a photo on your computer or phone, is your photo saved on the cloud or is it also deleted?

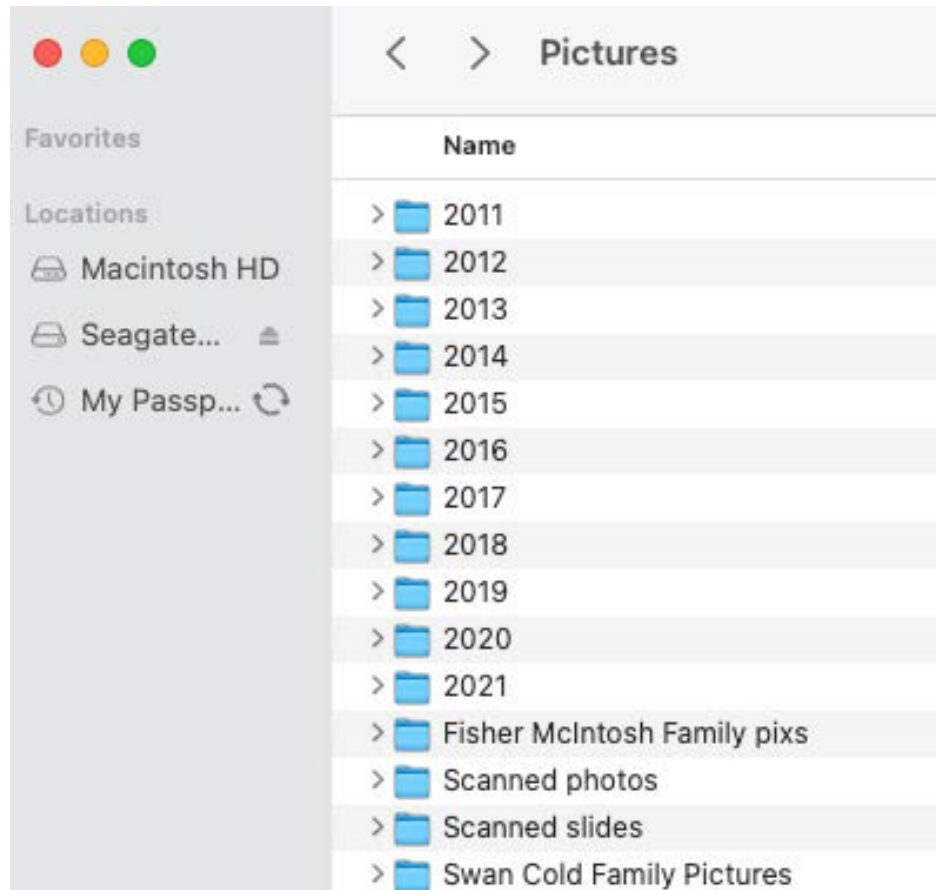
...does the service keep “full resolution” copies of your pictures or does it keep smaller versions?

...what happens to your photos if you decide to stop paying for storage?

...how fast is your internet connection?

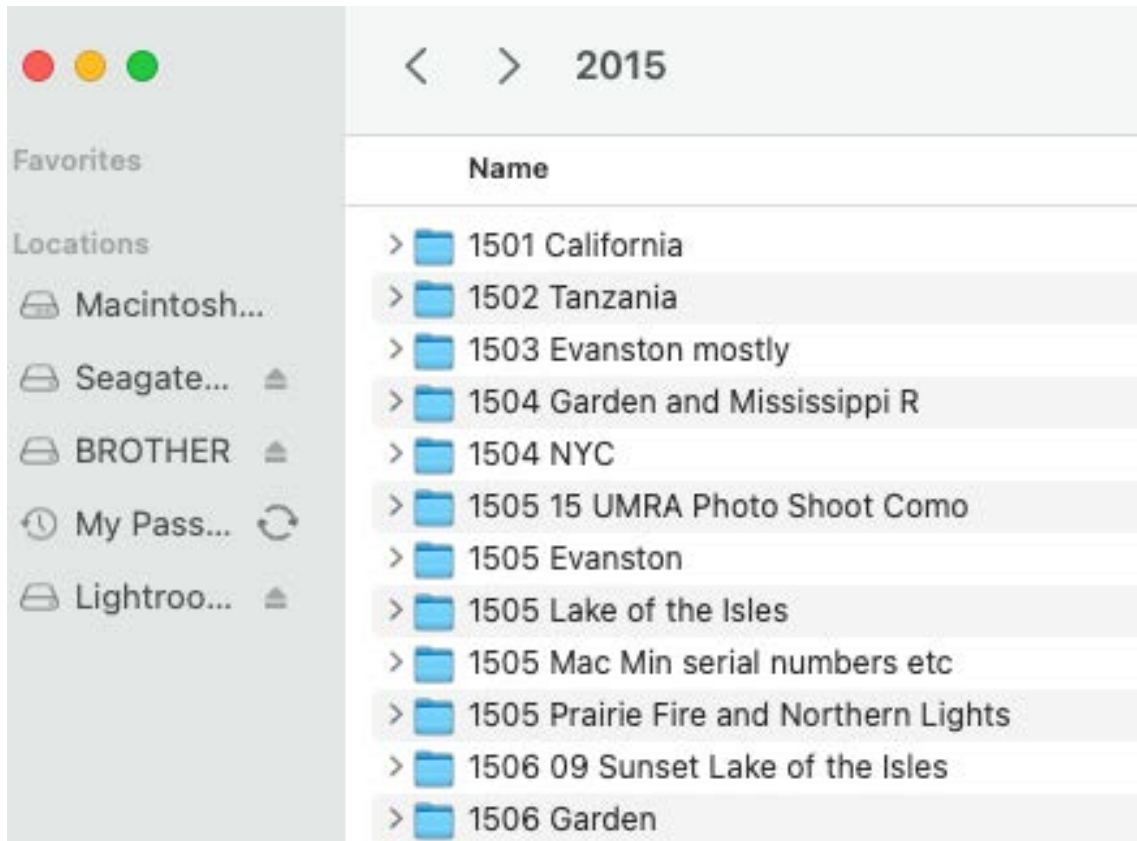
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Pictures  
Folder

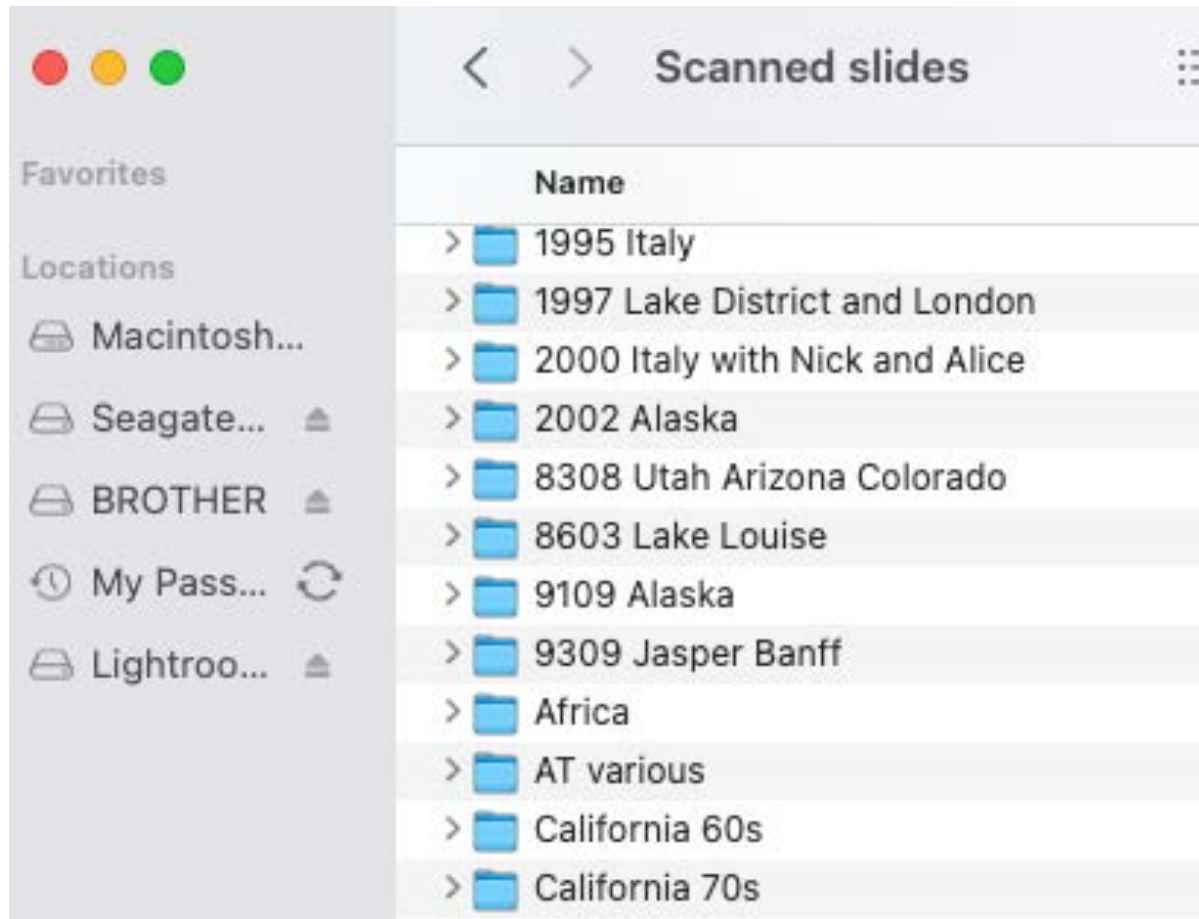
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Pictures  
from 2015

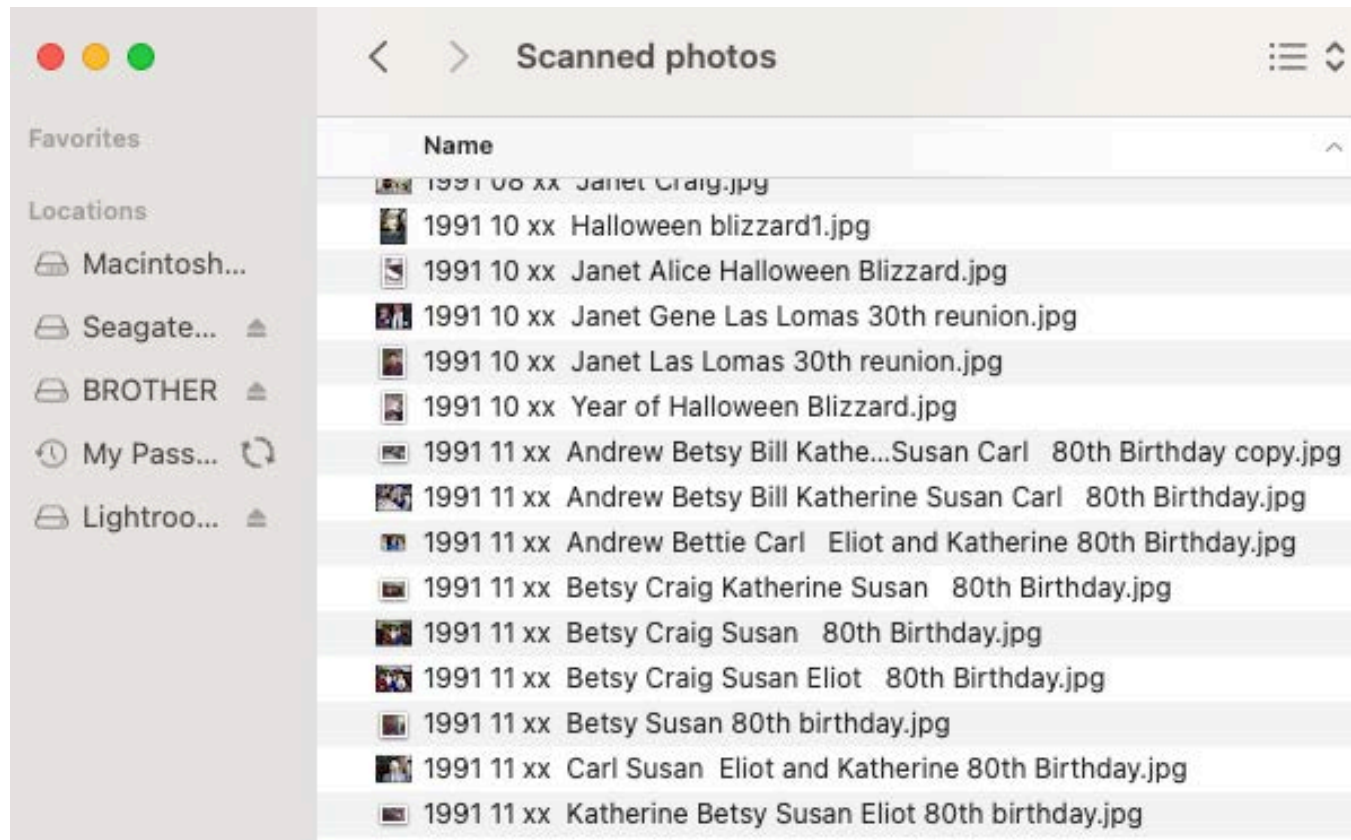


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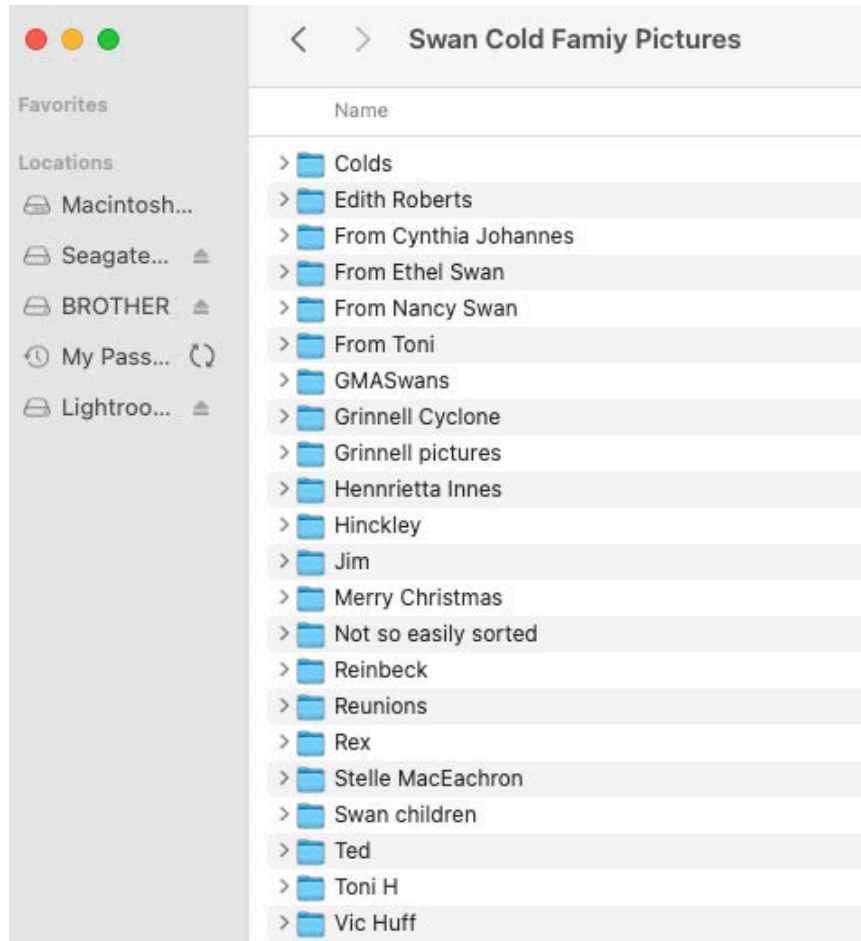
Scanned  
Slides

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Scanned  
Photos

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## Swan and Cold Pictures

If all else fails...

... you can hire someone.

The Association of Personal Photo Organizers (APPO)

now called The Photo Managers

**Thank you**

Questions?  
Comments?



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