

The Old Shoebox Newsletter

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Sharing and Collecting

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A Google search of the word "Collector" will return over 58 million hits.

There are many kinds of things to collect. Stamps, coins and genealogy are the most popular.

As a collector of family history, you are probably on the lookout for new items to add to your expanding photo collection, memorabilia, journals and other historical artifacts.

Sharing your treasures has always presented a difficult problem until now.



Best friends sharing the dog's bed

The annual family gathering provides a great opportunity to share collections and information. In the process of sharing, you will have access to one-of-a-kind items you would have never found searching on your own.

Unfortunately, family reunions occur yearly or less often. Travel may limit the number of those attending. Each year as more of the older generation passes away, photo collections are broken up and dispersed throughout the extended family resulting in limited or lost access to these rare treasures.

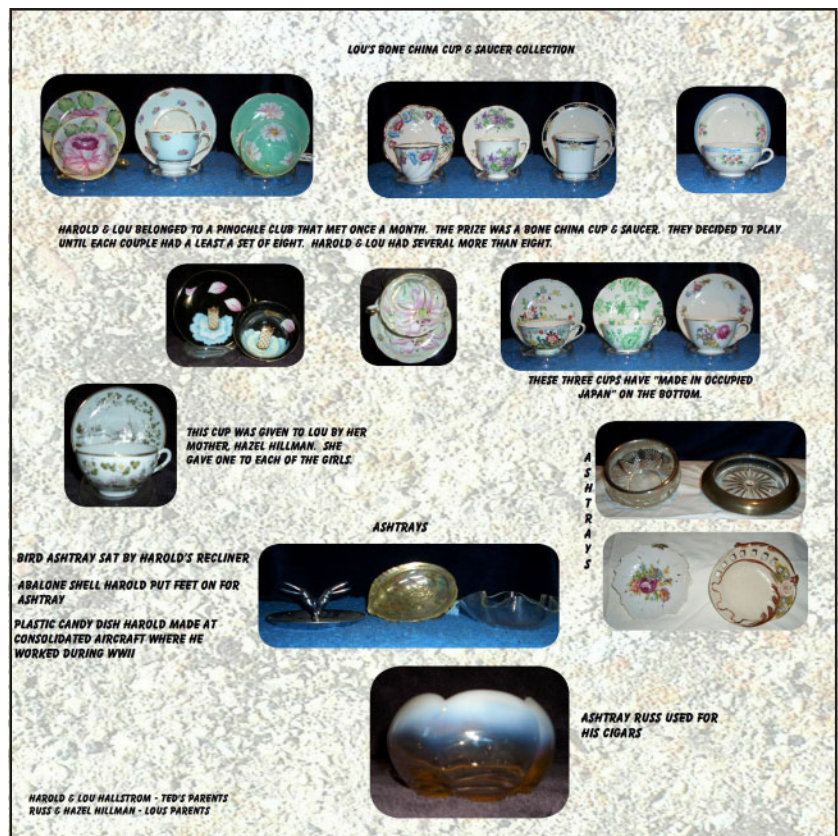
Sharing is the Answer

Heritage Collector provides many ways to share. Creating and sending gift CD/DVDs, printing Storybook photos, or sending e-mails. Sharing photos and information on the Internet may be too complicated for some of the family members.


There is a simple and free answer. Use Heritage Collector to create PDFs of selected collections. You may then easily e-mail and share the PDF with family. You may enlist the help of a relative to put your PDFs on the family Internet page to share with others worldwide.

Create Different Kinds of PDFs

The purpose of creating and sharing a PDF is to allow your relatives or friends to easily see photos and the accompanying information. For example, creating and sharing a PDF of the commemorative plate collection of your grandmother may be very interesting to those who remember seeing the collection when they visited grandma's house. Consider sharing PDF collections containing heirloom wedding rings and necklaces or other family memorabilia and associated information.




Yellowstone NP Page: 1



Click / Slide Show / Play Show / All Photos


Date: 4/6/2005
Description: (6 lines)
This is a sample historical slide show that was made to be shared with family. It's a work in progress and will never be finished. However, many different collections will be added to chronicle our various trips back to the "Park."

People: Family, Occasions: Family Outing
Places: Park, Recreation: Camping
Scenery: Mountain
Audio file: yellowstone1.mp3



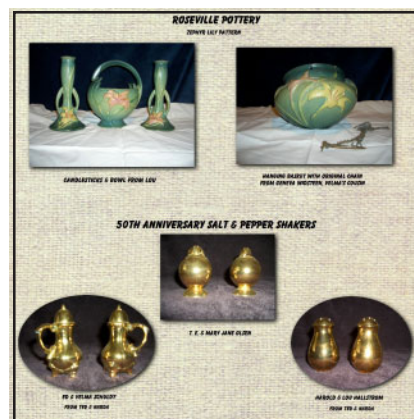
Sagebrush in Southeastern Idaho

Date: 4/6/2005
Description:
Sagebrush was a real challenge in the early days of homesteading the Snake River Valley. The Sagebrush was so tall that the Olsens had to stand on the back of a horse just to see over the brush as they scouted out the valley looking for the best place to start farming.
Audio file: yellowstone2.mp3
GPS Coordinates: 43 27.2100 N 111 47.9600 W



Olsens's visiting Nick Wilson in 1898 on the way to

The PDF shown above was created by Heritage Collector using the option to show thumbnails on a page with all information (caption, description, date, GPS and tags).



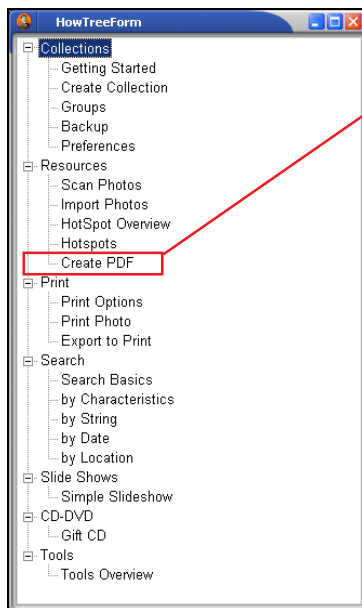
These pages were created using Heritage Collector's Storybook program. PDFs were next created of the collections containing these images and sent to relatives.

Creating a PDF

Heritage Collector makes it easy to create a PDF. Click on each thumbnail in a collection you would like to have included in the PDF.

Select “Create PDF” from the Resources menu and select the appropriate options on the PDF options display.

If you need a little help creating a PDF, click the “How” button at the top of the main Heritage Collector display.



Select “Create PDF” and watch the movie to guide you through each step.

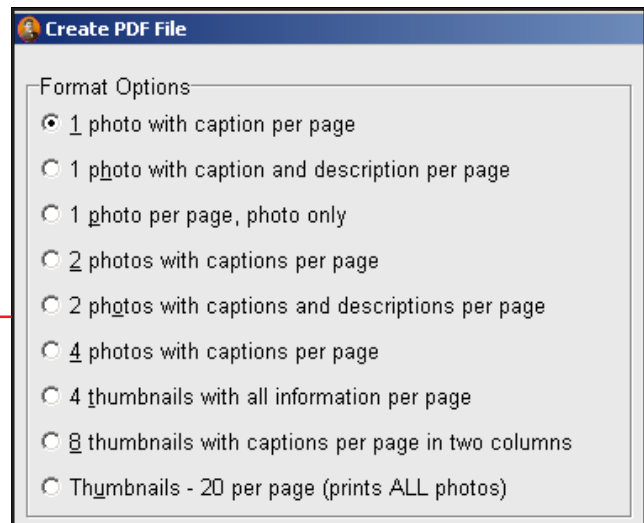
If you are using the new 5.2 version you will see a “How” button at the bottom of the PDF creation display.

Clicking the “How” button will play the movie. You will be able to click the

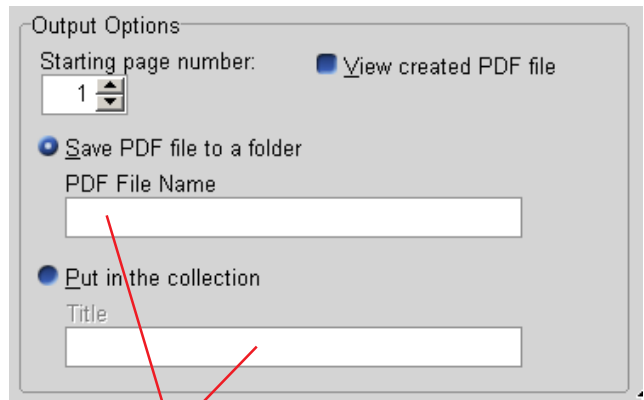
new “Pause” button to watch and pause sections of the PDF movie.



Pressing the “Pause” button allows you to complete a few steps and then resume watching the next few steps by clicking the “Play” button until you have watched and successfully followed each step to create a PDF.



Select from many different PDF format options.



Save the PDF in the collection, export it to a folder or e-mail the final PDF.

See the manual for information about using the Pause and Play button when watching a tutorial movie.

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