

Books on Preservation

"Saving Stuff: How to Care for and Preserve Your Collectibles, Heirlooms, and Other Prized Possessions" by Don Williams (Senior Conservator at the Smithsonian). This guide translates museum-grade preservation techniques into simple, affordable, and practical steps for everyday items and sentimental collectibles.

"How to Archive Family Keepsakes: Learn How to Preserve Family Photos, Memorabilia and Genealogy Records" by Denise May Levenick. This book gives step-by-step advice on managing inherited boxes of "stuff," deciding what to keep, digitizing records, and properly storing paper and memorabilia.

"Organizing and Preserving Your Heirloom Documents" by Katherine Scott Sturdevant. Written by a history professor and professional editor, it focuses on safely handling, transcribing, and caring for fragile old paper, letters, diaries, and family manuscripts.

"Caring for Your Family Treasures" by Jane S. Long and Richard W. Long. A comprehensive manual on protecting family heirlooms ranging from textiles and metal objects to paintings and photographs against environmental damage.

"The Unofficial Family Archivist" by Melissa Mannon. A helpful primer for individuals looking to apply professional archiving standards to personal and family collections at home.

"The Handbook of Historical Documents - A Guide to Owning History" by Todd M. Axelrod

"Caring for Your Family Treasures - Heritage Preservation" by Jane S. Long

"Family Heirlooms Journal" by Pattersin Place Press - A log book to preserve the stories of your family heirlooms, antiques, and collectibles, and document their location and your wishes.

"The Heirloomist - 100 Treasures and the Stories They Tell" by Shana Novak