

Developing a personal digital archiving guide



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Or how I wanted to build my own family digital archive & couldn't find answers to my questions so *maybe* there needs be a guide to personal digital archiving

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over
1000
postcards
600
photographs
1 envelope
so far



share and preserve

Poster - London
Country Day
1940-1940



Halsford

— just
west of

Oglo.

244

Sept 30, 1973

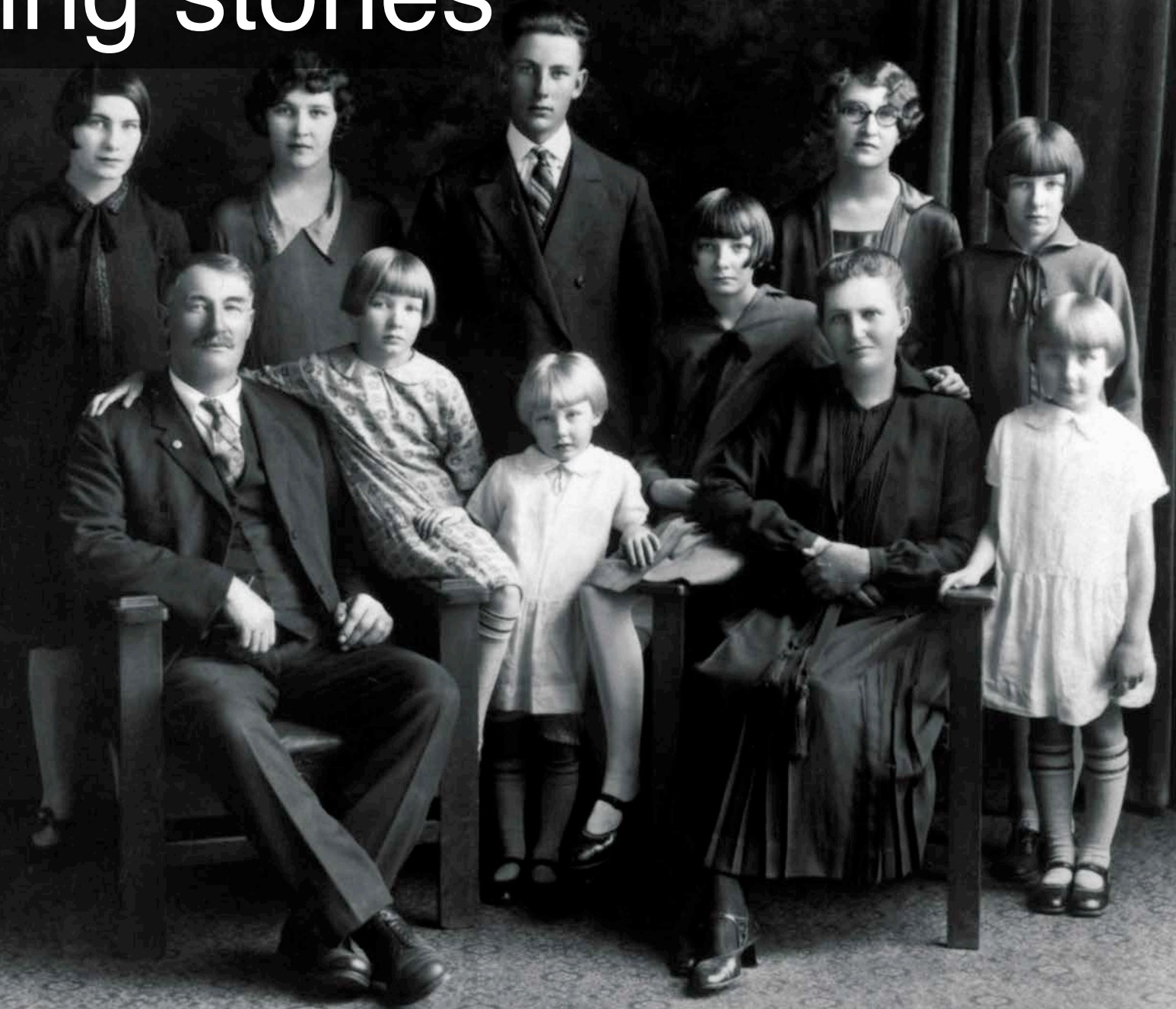
Bristol

-our flat⁽¹⁾ (apartment)
and car marked
with "X"

"The Fosseway"
Bristol
March 1974

capturing notes

telling stories



Personal Digital Archiving



80th birthday 1954



Stan is frustrated that he can't easily advise people on how to do a personal archiving project themselves, let alone share one online with other contributors. He said that most of the necessary tools still are not easy enough to use. Stan said, "And on the scanning side, you need to know about file systems and setting up folders and things like that, which is far too complex for most people. And frankly, they don't need to know about that level."

Frameworks

A black and white photograph of a man in a hat and overalls standing next to a small wooden shed. The man is pointing towards the roof of the shed. A dog is standing in the foreground. The shed has a sign that says '1874' on its gable end. The background is filled with trees and foliage.

Archive of feelings

Micro-histories

Small data

Collaborative & community repositories

Activist & radical archiving practices

Activists' Guide to Archiving Video

Create

Start archiving your video at the point of creation.

Transfer

Move video and metadata from one device or location to another.

Acquire

Receive video and metadata from a source and add it to your collection.

Organize

Organize your digital video files and documentation.

Store

Store your videos, manage the storage environment, and recover from errors.

Catalog

Create a structured and searchable system for creating and managing metadata, and finding your videos.

Preserve

Ensure that your collection will be preserved and accessible far into the future.

Share

Make your collection accessible to others outside your organization.

<http://archiveguide.witness.org>

A young girl with short brown hair, wearing a white t-shirt and patterned shorts, stands in a vast field of bright yellow flowers. She is smiling and holding a small object in her hand. In the foreground, a black and white dog is sniffing the ground. The background shows a clear blue sky and a line of trees in the distance.

METADATA IS A LOVE NOTE TO THE FUTURE

- Jason Scott @textfiles

- Folder Manager...
- Upload Manager...
- People Manager...
- Back Up Pictures...
- Batch Upload...
- Adjust Date and Time...**
- Download Name Tags from Picasa Web Albums
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Places

Location of photo

Map

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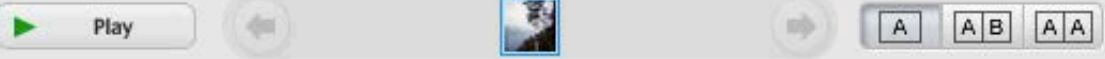
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Picasa



David Severson - Halsfjord, just west of Oslo, Norway - June 1974



Picasa

People

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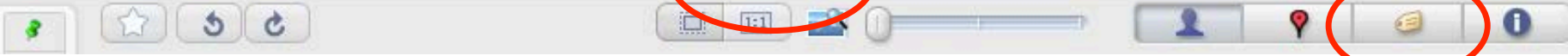


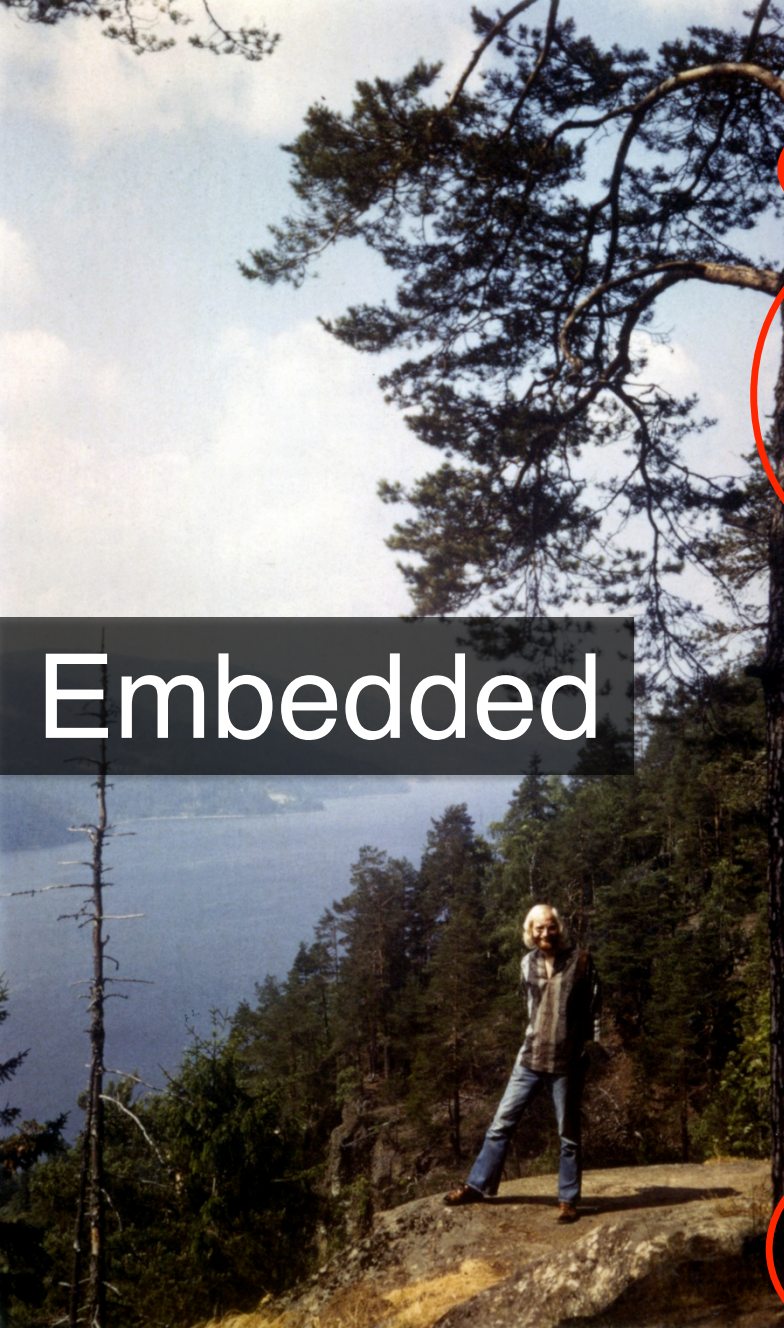
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David Severson - Halsfjord, just west of Oslo, Norway - June 1974

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Add a person manually





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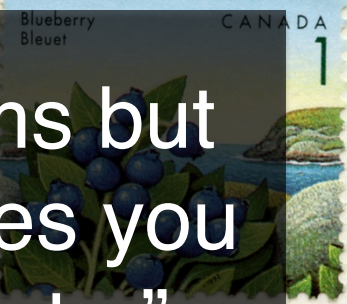


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Madla, Rogaland Fylke, Norway

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“Family photos are discrete items but family stories are not. Sometimes you end up with metadata with no data.”

- Pekka Uotila

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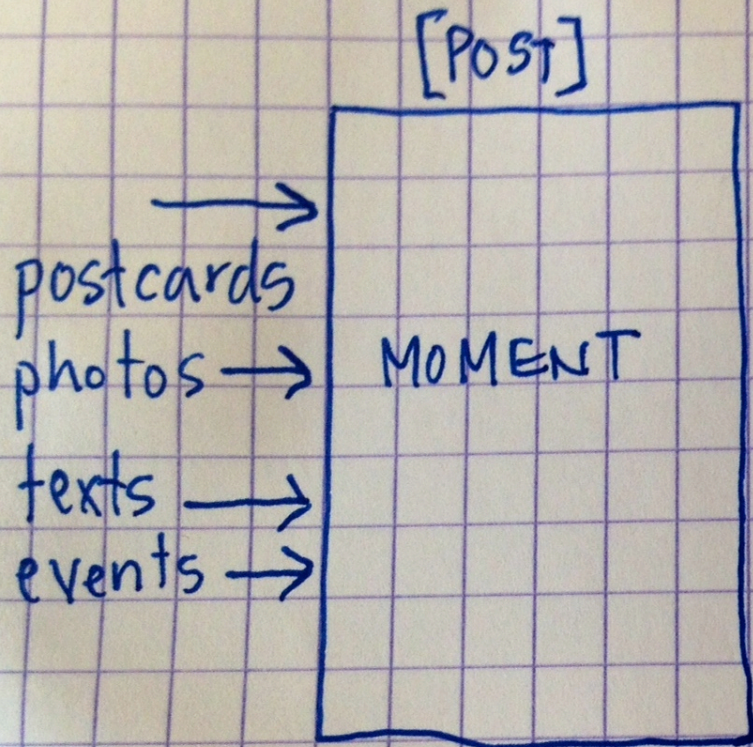
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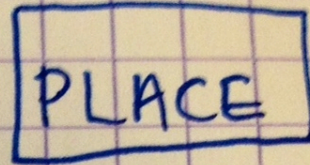
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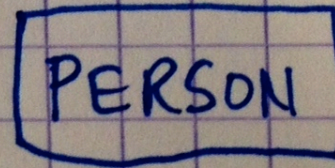


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