

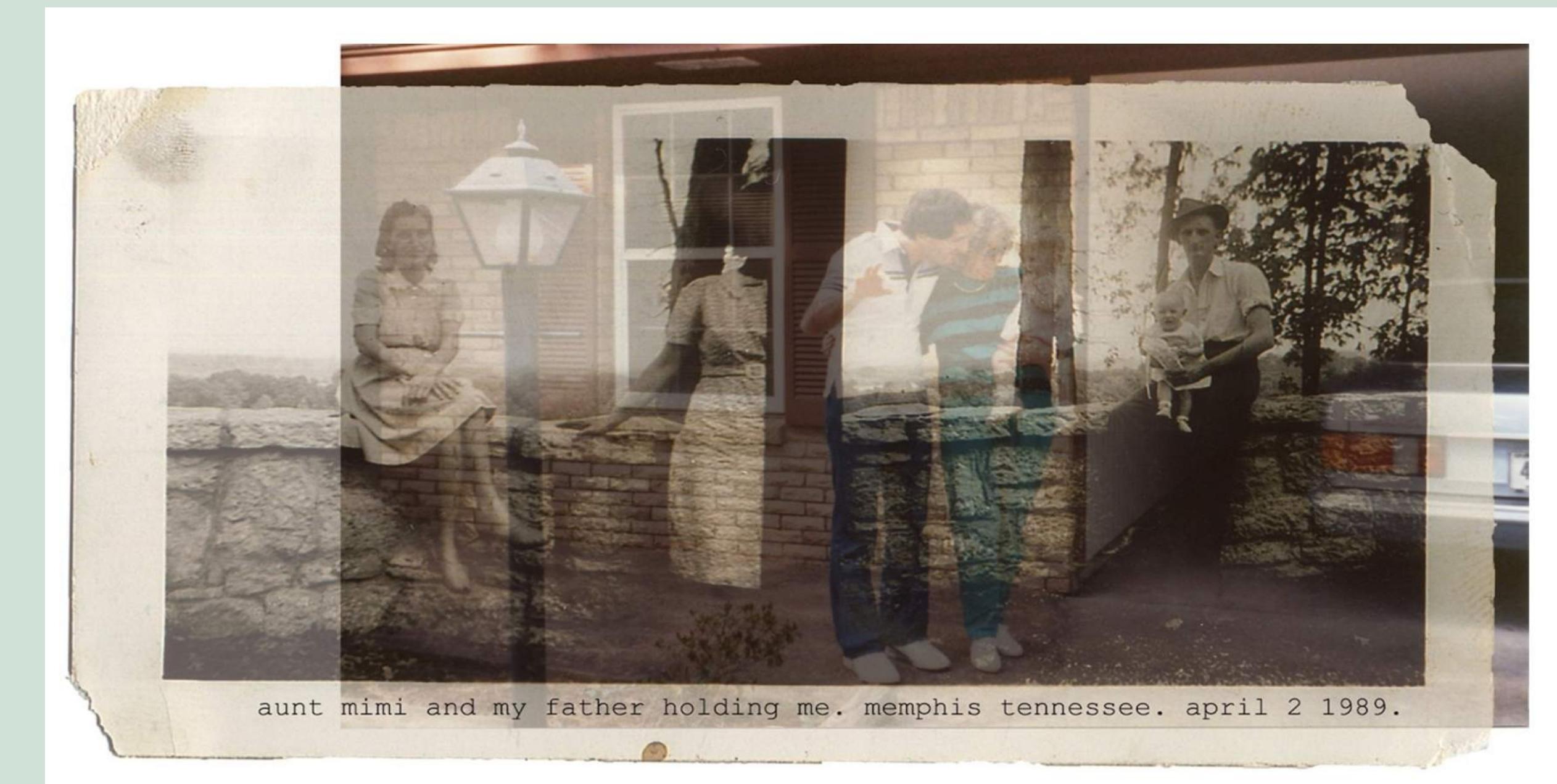
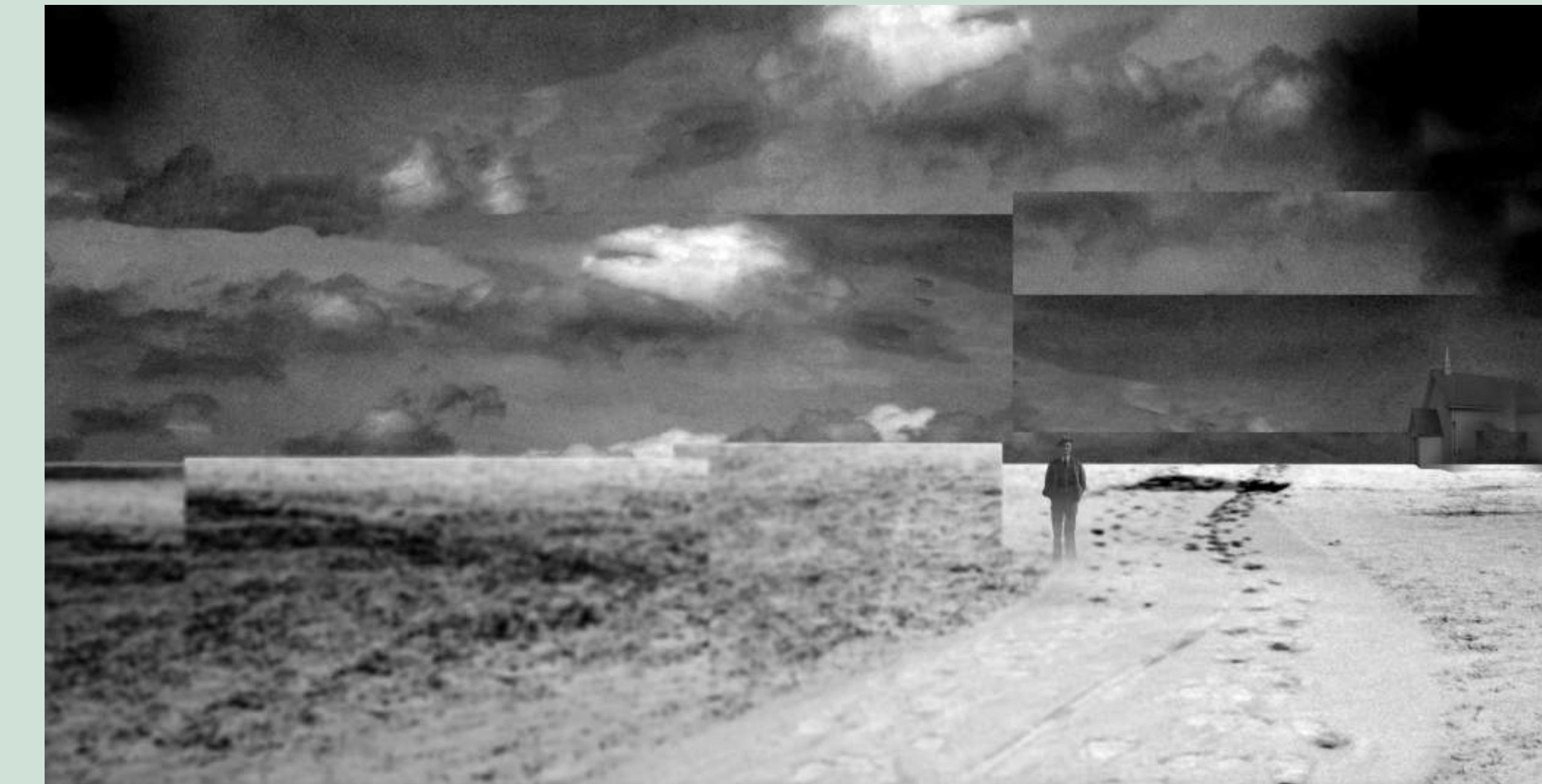
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a visual look at the history of family photography

BEGINNINGS

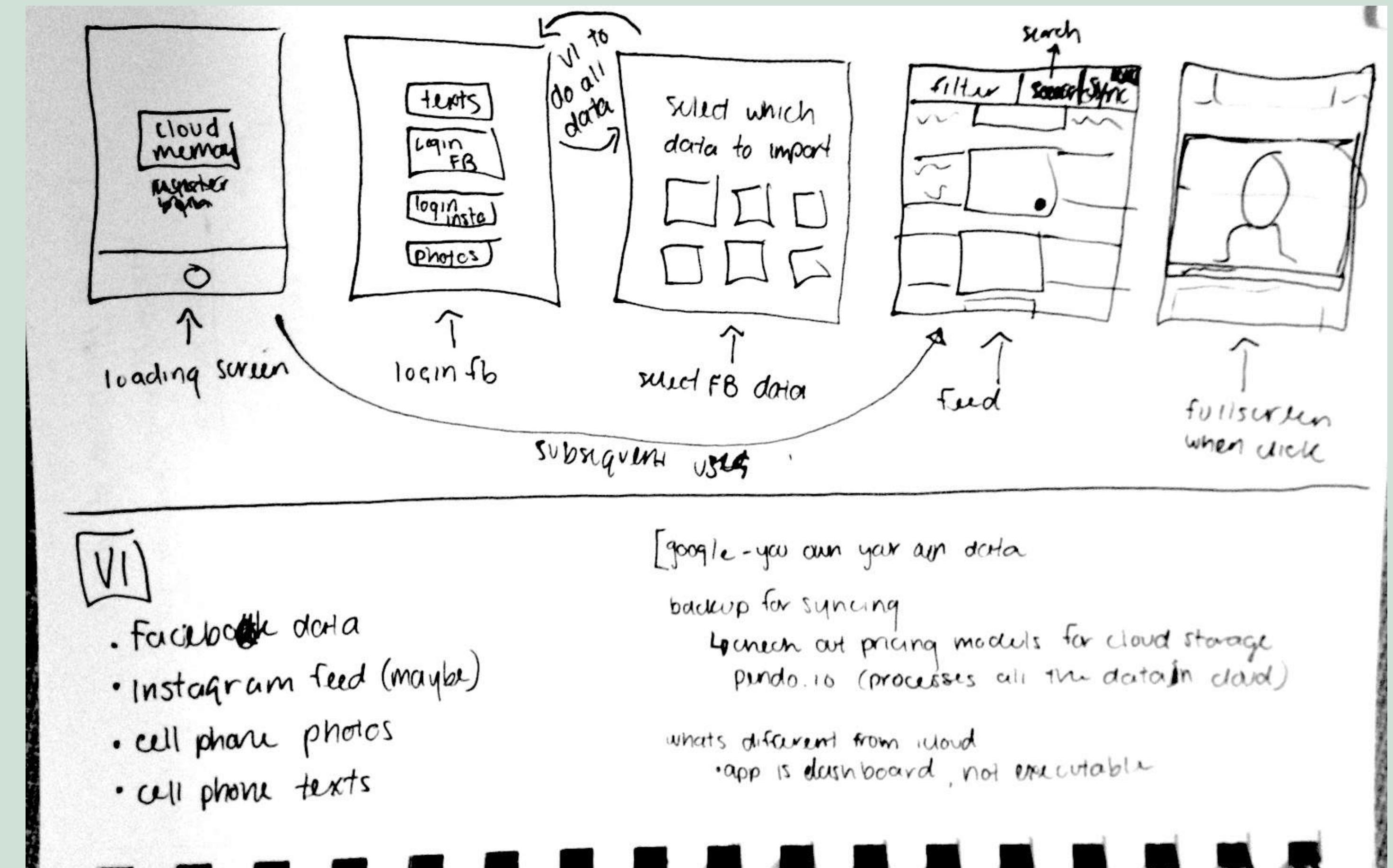
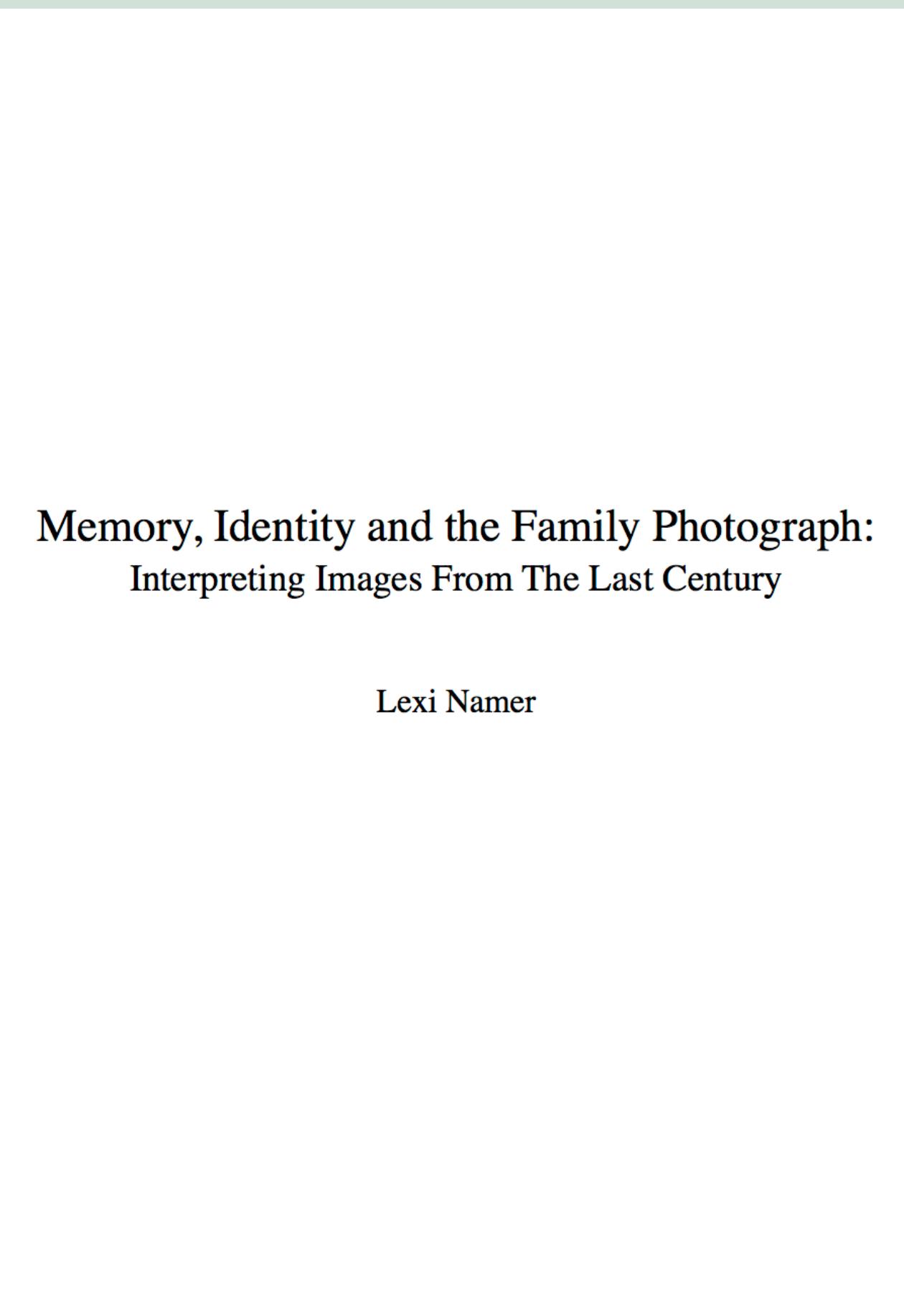


my father leading me towards the shore. pickwick mississippi.july 14 1994.



aunt mimi and my father holding me. memphis tennessee. april 2 1989.

Project Formation



Left: Research Methods paper (2014) | Right: Wireframe for Cloud Memory App (2015)

The Project

A screenshot of the Archived website's timeline interface. At the top, the title "THE HISTORY OF FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHY" is displayed, followed by a subtitle explaining the project's purpose. Below this, a section titled "There are several ways to interact with the site:" provides instructions for navigating the timeline. The timeline itself shows a series of black and white photographs from 1918 to 1925, each labeled with its year. A zoomed-in view of one photo from 1918 is shown with various interactive icons: a magnifying glass, a search icon, a left arrow, a right arrow, and a filter icon. The overall design is clean and modern, with a light green header and a white background for the content area.

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THE HISTORY OF FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHY

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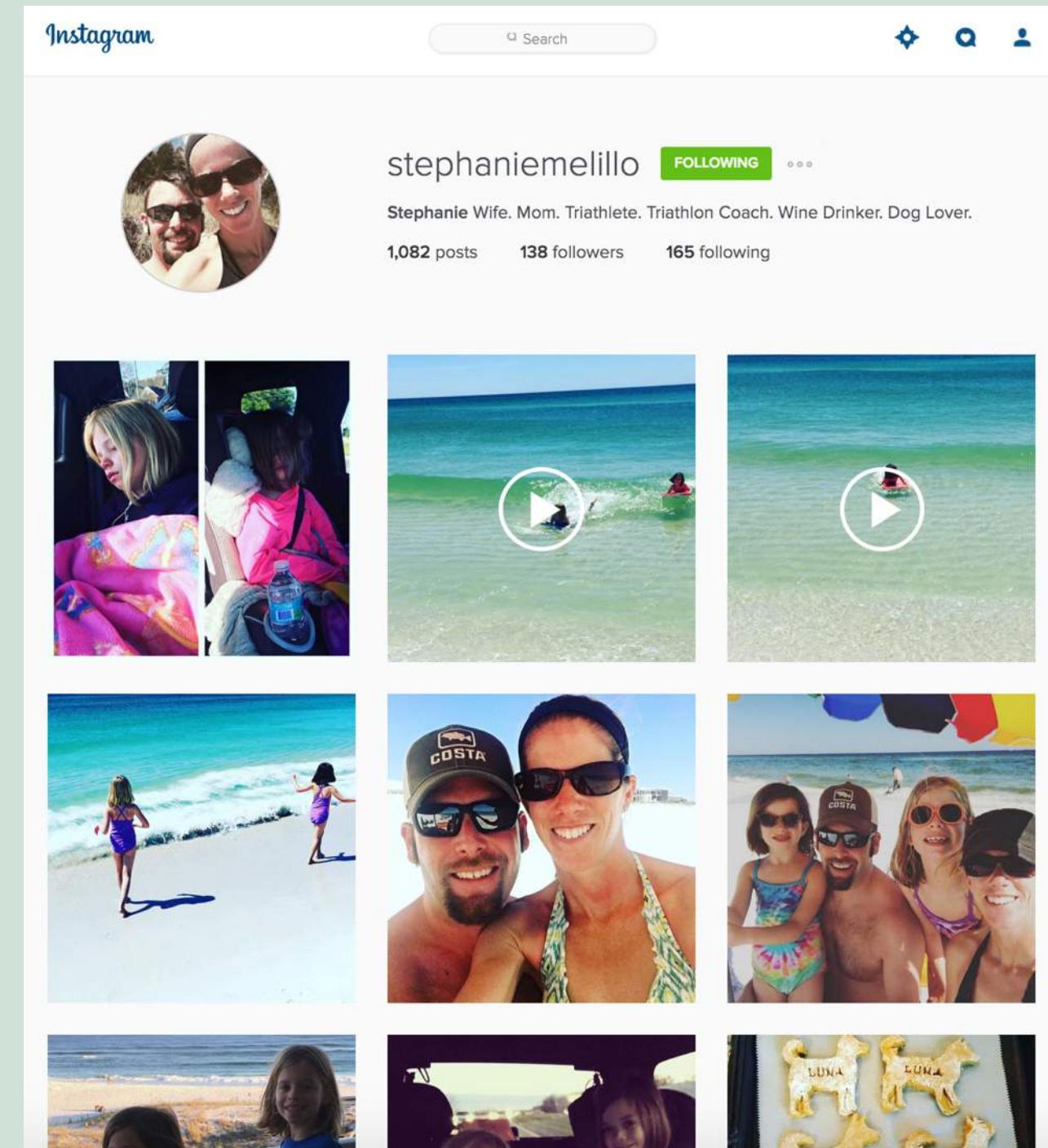
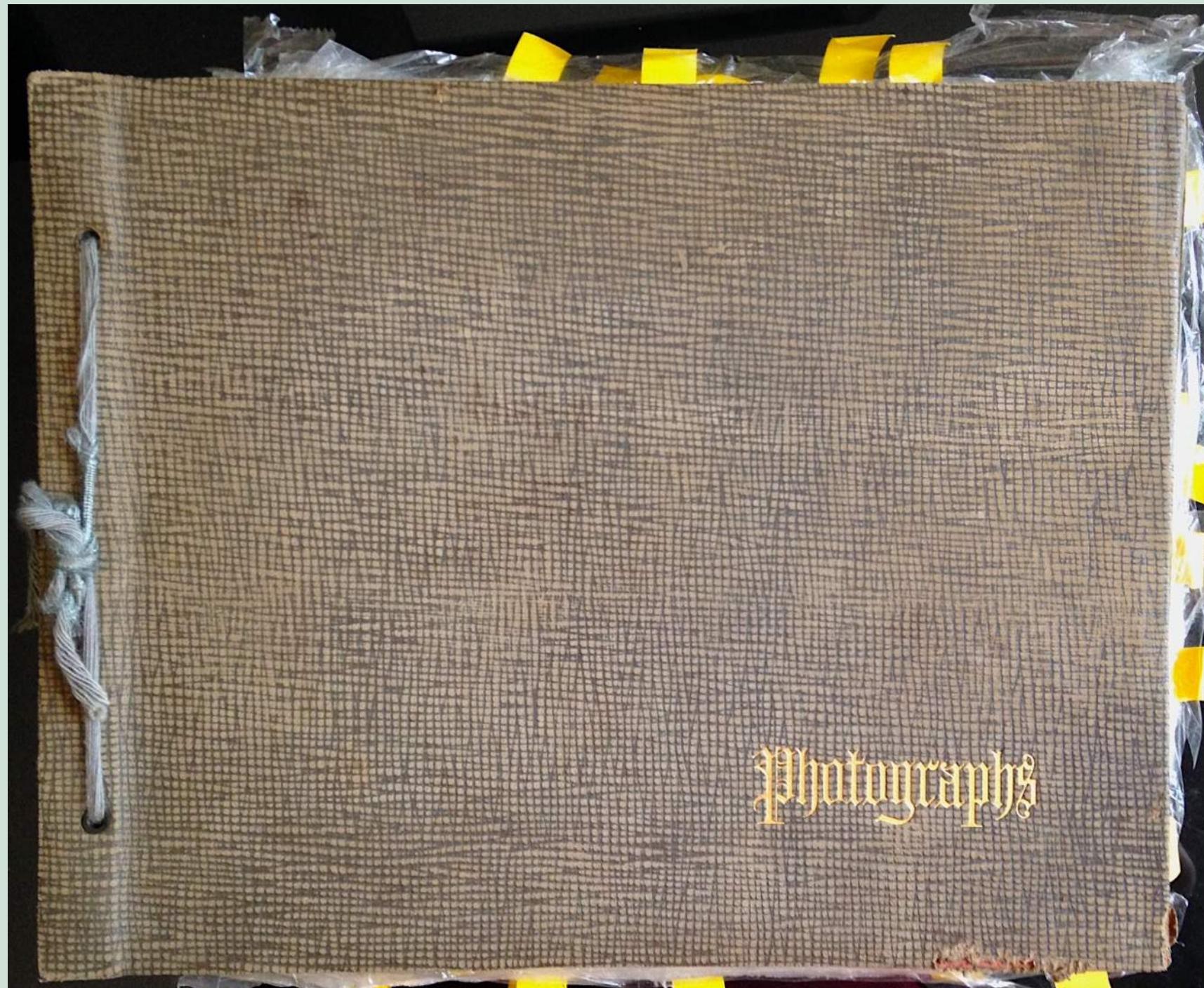
- Use the arrows to see the next and previous slides
- Hover over the timeline and scroll left and right
- Click on the filter icon to view the photos by theme
- Click on the menu icon to learn more about the project

1918 1919 1920 1921 1922 1923 1924 1925

Screenshots from **Archived**

THE PROCESS

1. Collecting Materials



Left: Estate Sale Album (1915-1950) | Center: Colpitts Family Photo Collection (1950-2006) | Right: Instagram account from the Melillo Family (2006-2016)

2. Coding for Cultural Context

*PhotoInventory

View Zoom

Formula Table Chart Text Shape Media Comment Share Tips

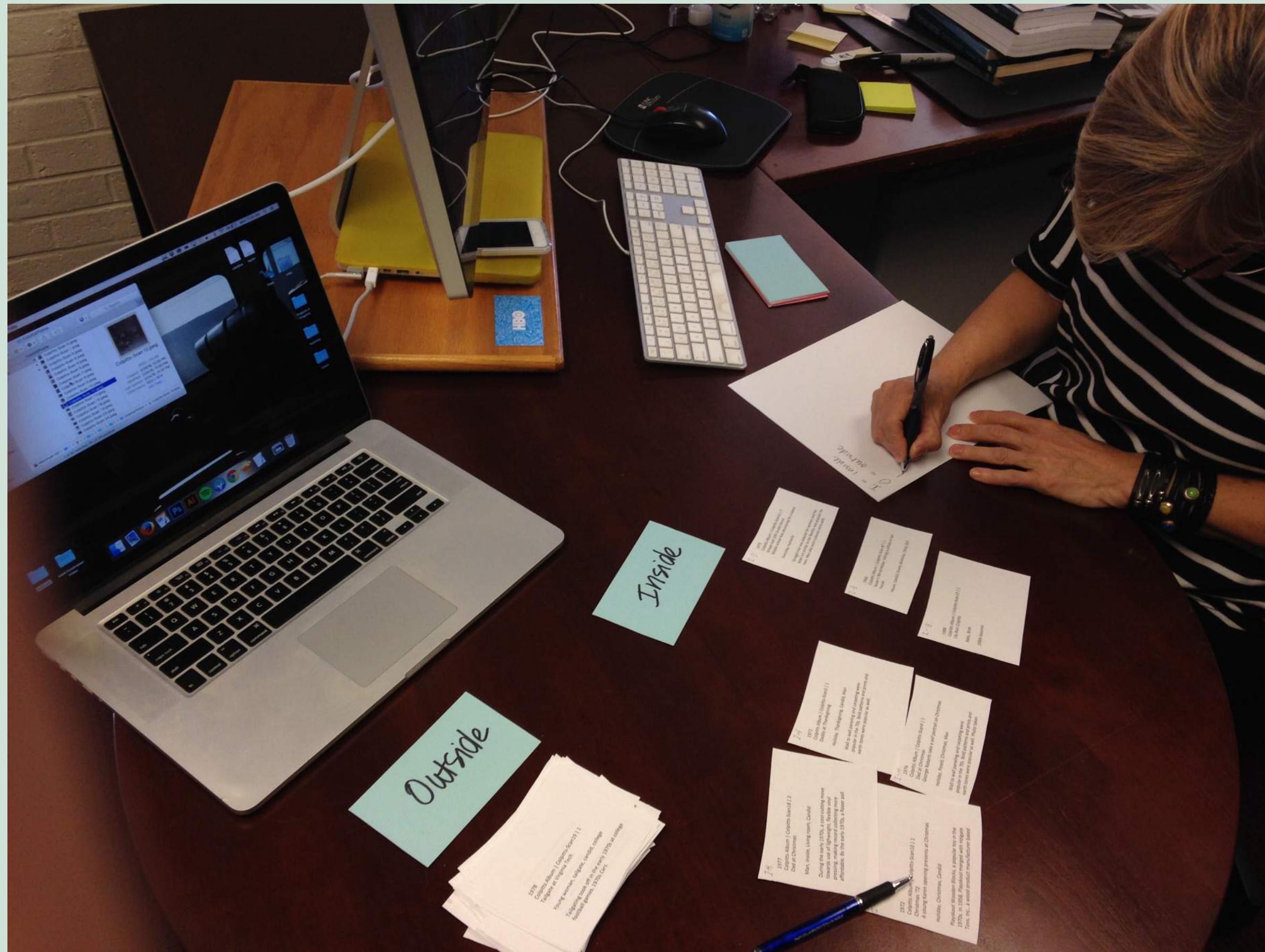
Sheet 1

	YEAR	SOURCE	FILE NAME	CAPTION	OTHER INFO	EVENT/THEMES	PHOTO TYPE/PROD	# PEOPLE	ICONS/ HIST. SIGNIFICANCE	REFERENCES
1	1976	Colpitts Album	Colpitts-Scan15	George at pool	Man and his daughter relaxing by the pool	Backyard, Man, Young woman, Candid	120 film, color, Twin-lens reflex camera (TRL)	2		
62	1977	Colpitts Album	Colpitts-Scan13	Ann, Karen, Susan at train station	Susan and her Ann and Ann's daughter, Karen	Candid, Car, Laughing, Family, Young women	35mm film, black and white	3	The Lacoste brand reached its height of popularity in the US during the late 1970s and was known as the "preppy" wardrobe item in the 1980s.	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lacoste
63	1977	Colpitts Album	Colpitts-Scan18	Dad at Christmas		Man, Inside, Living room, Candid	35mm film, black and white	2	During the early 1970s, a cost-cutting move towards use of lightweight, flexible vinyl pressing, making record collecting more affordable. By the early 1970s, a Roper poll found that the majority of Americans relied more on television than on newspapers for their news, and the programming changed to a more news-oriented approach by the Vietnam War and Watergate Scandal. Television, typewriter, retro glasses, mustache	http://www.recordcollectorsguild.org/modules.php?op=modload&name=Sections&file=index&req=viewarticle&artid=44&page=1 http://www.britannica.com/art/television-in-the-United-States/Media-versus-the-federal-government#toc283633 http://www.emmytvlegends.org/resources/tv-history
64	1978	Colpitts Album	Colpitts-Scan19	Tailgate at Virginia Tech		Young woman, tailgate, candid, college	35mm film, color	1	Tailgating took off in the early 1970s at college football games. 1970s Cars.	http://www.lifeintheusa.com/everyday/tailgaiting.htm
65	1980	Colpitts Album	Colpitts-Scan23	What style!!	Skiing	Sports, Skiing, young woman, outdoor, candid	35mm film, color	1		
66	1982	Colpitts Album	Colpitts-Scan24		Susan and Norman's Wedding	Wedding, Family, Event, Posed, Outdoors	35mm film, color	6	Long, white dress as a remnant of the hippie flowery era	
67	1983	Colpitts Album	Colpitts-Scan29	Getting the car ready to head back to VA	Norman packs the trunk of the car	Man, Candid, Car	35mm film, color	1	1980s Volkswagen 2 door	
68	1984	Colpitts Album	Colpitts-Scan27	In Albuquerque on our way to the fancy place for dinner- Tommy (15), Mom, Dorothy and Dan		Family, Teenager, Men, Women, Posed, Vacation	35mm film, color	4	In 1983 there was a slight 1950s-style throwback, especially in women's dresses. The majority of hairstyles at this time emphasized volume and size, keeping with the decades concern with wealth and influence.	http://www.retrowaste.com/1980s/fashion-in-the-1980s/ http://www.hairfinder.com/80s_hairstyles.htm
69	1986	Colpitts Album	Colpitts-Scan28		Norman sailing	Sports, sailing, outdoors, candid	35mm film, color	1	As the International Offshore Rule IOR rule faded into oblivion in the early 1980s, boats began to take on a different look. A new generation of faster, safer cruiser-racers appeared, the charter industry began to influence boat design, and better and cheaper equipment began to change people's	http://www.sailmagazine.com/cruising/boats-we-sail-part-3-the-1980s/
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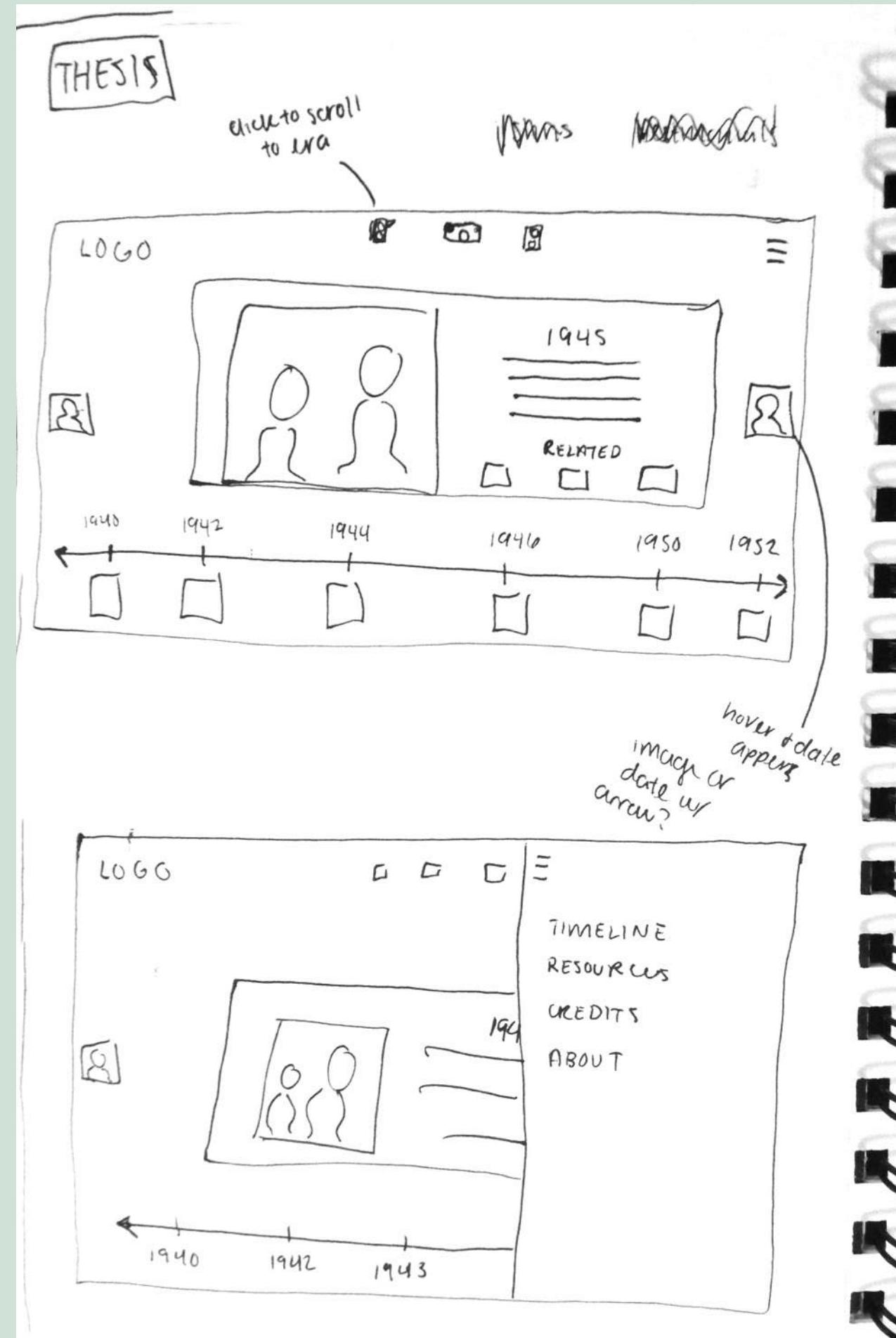
Left: Initial data document for the project | Right: Colpitts-Scan18, Colpitts-Scan28

3. Card Sorting



Left: Laura Ruel helping me sort all the images into themes | Right: Finding the similar photos for all the images

4. Sketching



TITLE HERE
HOME
PEOPLE
EVENTS
DESCRIPTORS
VIEW ALL

←



→

1965

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Vivamus facilisis dapibus pretium.

Photo Type: 35mm blah blah blah

Themes: Family, Vacation, Play, Candid

Cultural Observations: This image taken during the 1960s when things were popular and blah blahd blah

RELATED PHOTOS





1954
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Left: Hand-drawn Sketch for the project | Right: First color comp for the project

5. Website Development

The screenshot shows the TimelineJS website. At the top left is the knight lab logo with "NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY". The main title "Timeline JS" is prominently displayed, with "Timeline" in a large serif font and "JS" in a smaller sans-serif font. Below it is the subtitle "Easy-to-make, beautiful timelines." in red. A green button labeled "Make a Timeline" is centered. The navigation bar below includes links for "Overview", "Timeline creator", "Examples", "Help", and "Documentation". The main content area features a black and white historical photograph of a woman working at a computer console. Overlaid on the photo is the title "WOMEN IN COMPUTING" in large white capital letters. Below the title is a descriptive text: "In this sample timeline, we'll walk you through what TimelineJS can do by looking at some of the more important contributions women have made to computer science."

The screenshot shows a file explorer window with the following structure:

- website/
 - css/
 - .DS_Store
 - 4cols.css
 - component.css
 - jPushMenu.css
 - remodal-default-theme.css
 - remodal.css
 - style.css
 - images/
 - .DS_Store
 - js/
 - .DS_Store
 - json/
 - adults.json
 - birthday.json
 - cars.json
 - events.json
 - holiday.json
 - house.json
 - inside.json
 - kids.json
 - military.json
 - outside.json
 - photoinventory.json
 - playing.json
 - porch.json
 - portraits.json
 - pregnancy.json
 - summer.json
 - vacation.json
 - winter.json
- .DS_Store

Timeline JS and main JSON file from the project

6. User Testing

Archived User Testing

A brief critique on Archivedproject.com

* Required

How easy was the site to navigate? *

1 2 3 4 5
very difficult very easy

Was the site's purpose clear? *

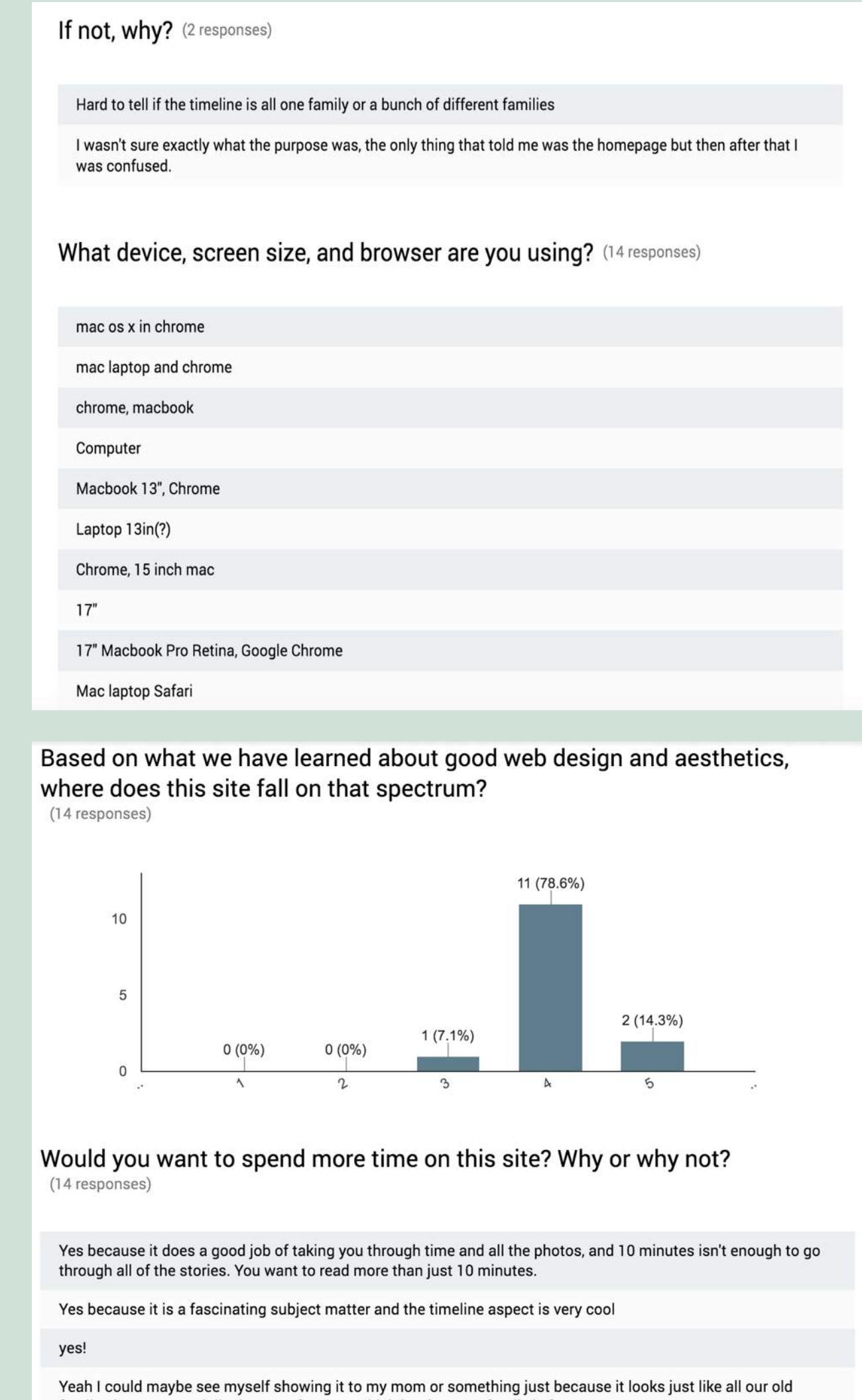
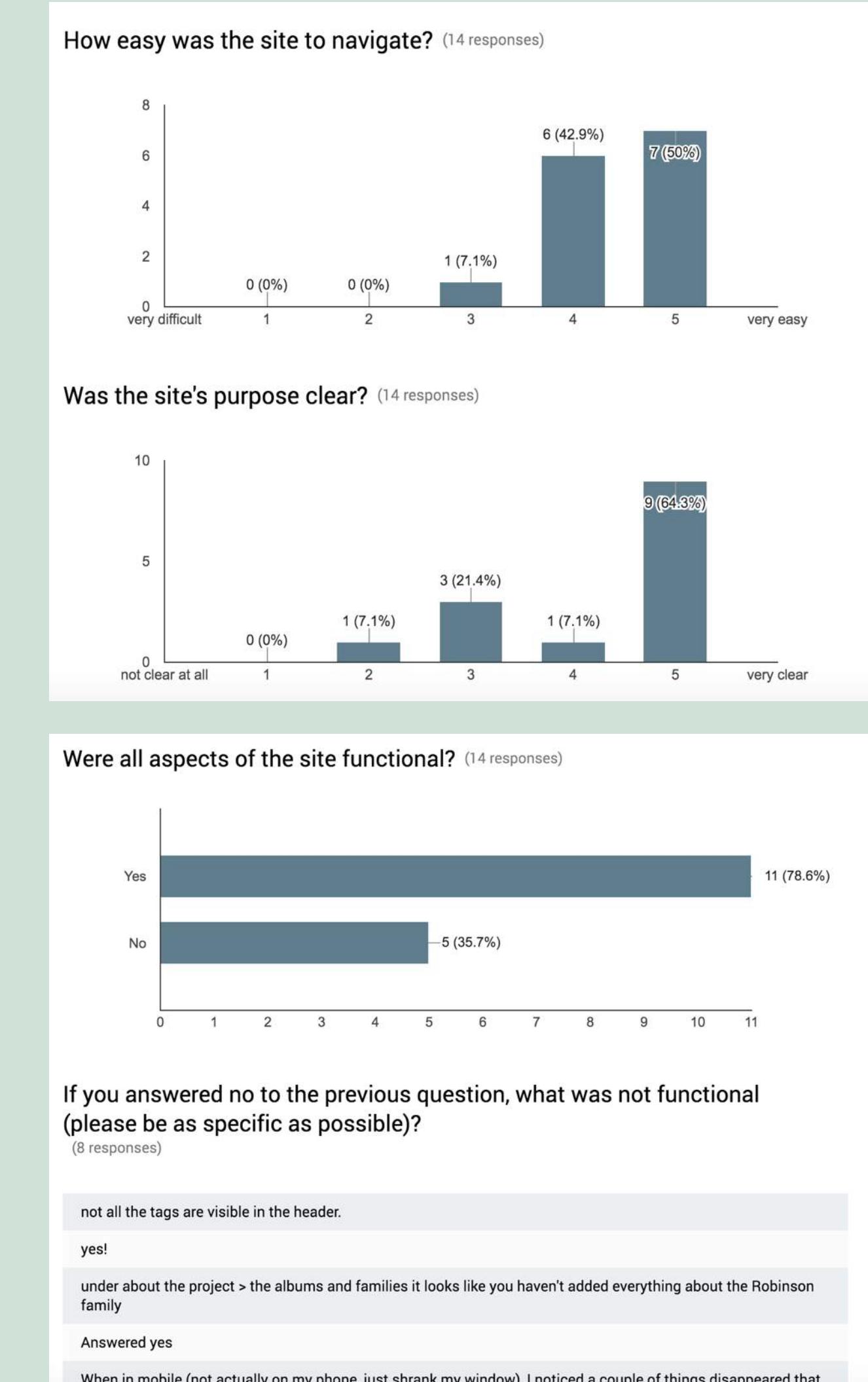
1 2 3 4 5
not clear at all very clear

If not, why?

Your answer

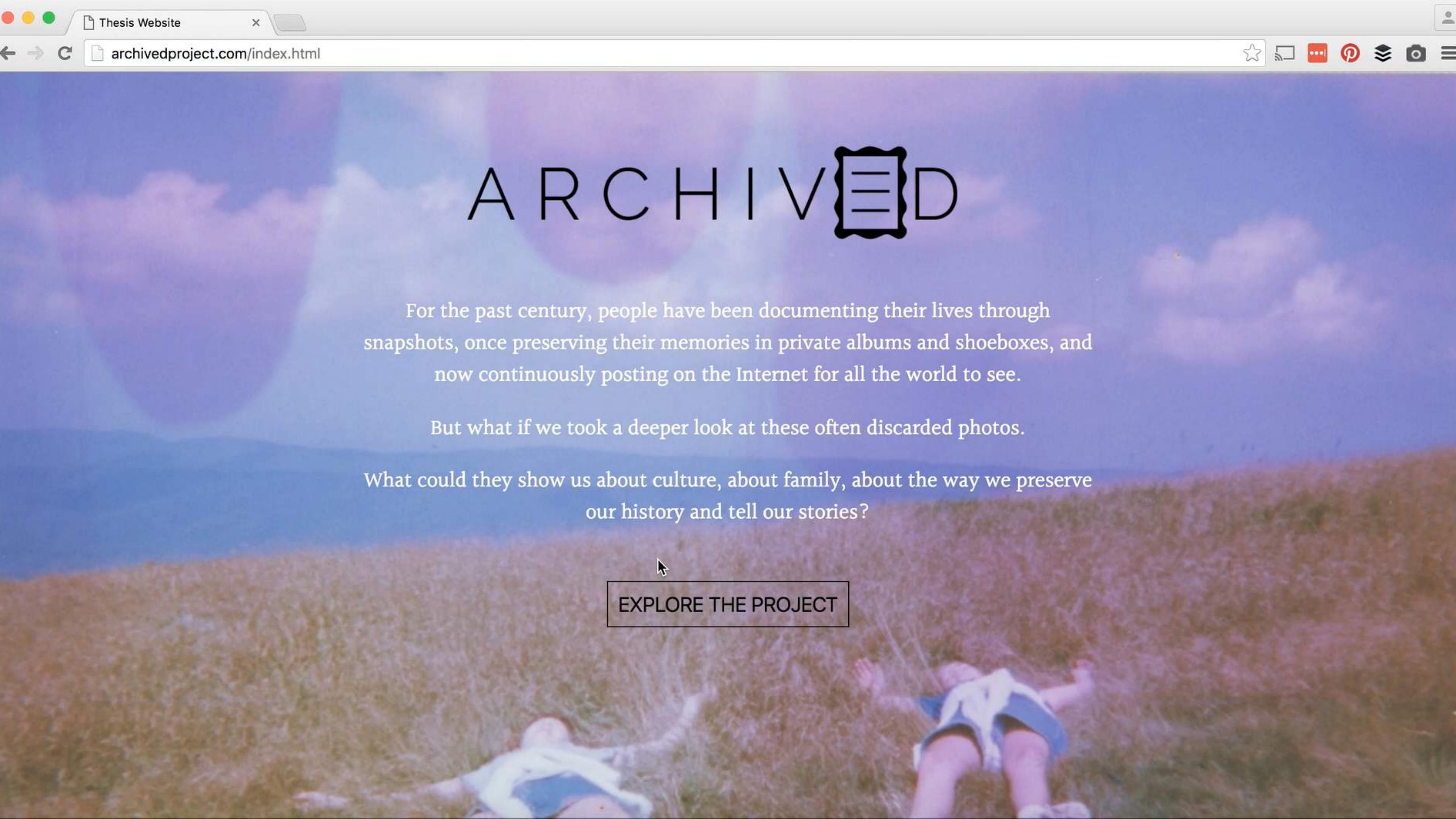
What device, screen size, and browser are you using? *

Your answer



Short user tests conducted with the 187 JOMC classes

FINAL PRODUCT



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For the past century, people have been documenting their lives through snapshots, once preserving their memories in private albums and shoeboxes, and now continuously posting on the Internet for all the world to see.

But what if we took a deeper look at these often discarded photos.

What could they show us about culture, about family, about the way we preserve our history and tell our stories?



[EXPLORE THE PROJECT](#)

Thesis Website

archivedproject.com/timeline.html#event-2014

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2014

These two flower girls nailed it yesterday at Uncle Johnny's wedding!
#pearsongrassemerger

Photo Type Digital photo, Posted on Instagram

Themes Portrait, Event, Kids, Outside

Similar Photos



2011

2012

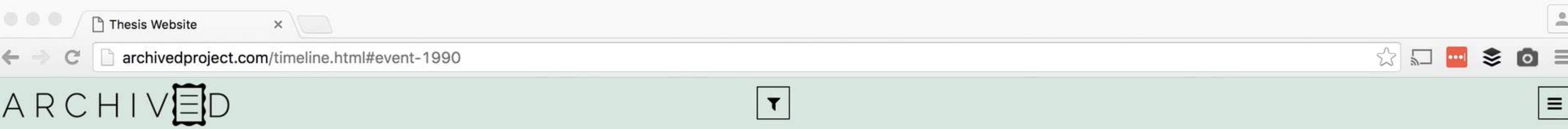
2013

2014

2015

2016

2017



1990

Hi Grandma! Sisters Lily and Annie

Photo Type 35mm film, color

Themes Outside, Playing, Summer, Kids

Similar Photos



1987

1988

1989

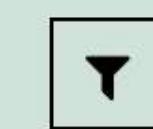
1990

1991

1992

1993

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OBSERVATIONS

Similar Photos



Left: Photo from the Robinson family (1953) | Right: Photo from the Melillo family (2007)

Thematic Relationships



Left: Photo from the Robinson family (1919) | Center: Photo from the Colpitts family (1994) | Right: Photo from the Melillo family (2008)

Technological Changes



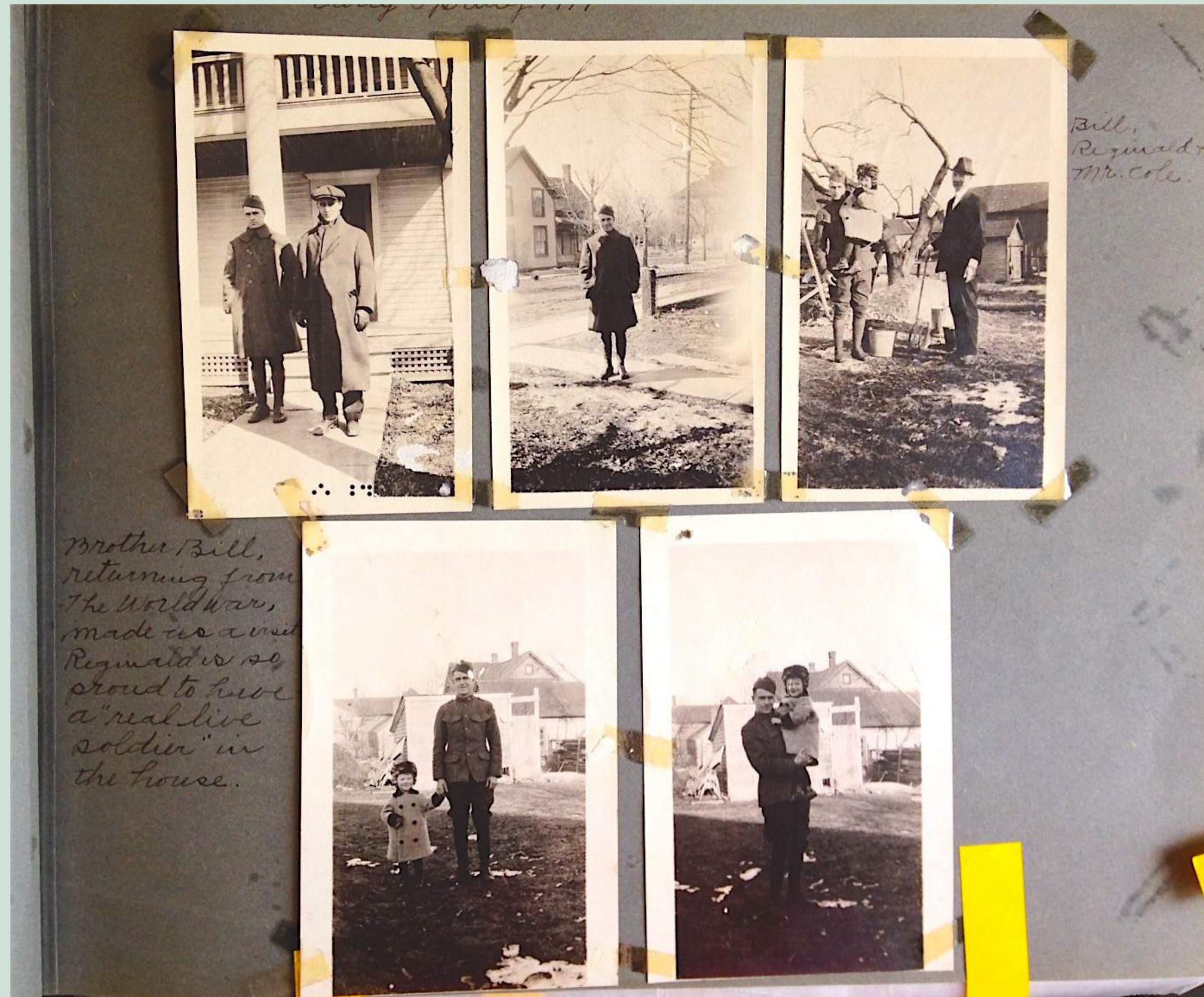
Left: Film photo from the Robinson family (1949) | Right: Digital photo posted on Instagram from the Melillo family (2016)

Cultural Indicators



Left: Photo from the Robinson family during a summer vacation (1919) | Right: Photo during winter from the Robinson family (1936)

Cyclical Patterns



Saturday, December 09, 2006

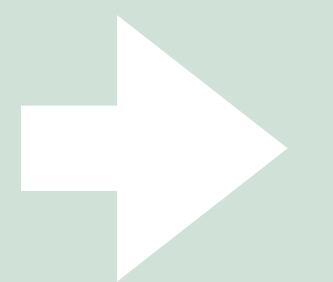
All Sacked Out

Grandpa Bob always says "sacked out", so in reference to him here is Josie all sacked out in our bed after a nap with Mama. She went to the mall today and braved the crowds, but got all of her shopping done! And she is wearing a shirt from Uncle Peter and the baby legs from the Reibergs!



Left: From the Robinson family photo album | Right: From the blog of the Melillo family

Changing Purpose



A screenshot of a computer screen showing a Facebook profile page for "Jim Pickrell". The page displays a grid of 20 photo thumbnails, each with a caption and a photo count. The captions include "Profile Pictures 23 photos", "Ushuaia 78 photos", "Patagonia 59 photos", "Buenos Aires 2012 42 photos", "Car Repair (VW Convertible Top) 3 photos", "New Years Bellevue 2011 15 photos", "Occupy Los Angeles November 17 - Copyright 2011 7 photos", "Paris - Breakfasts With Chocolate Chip Health Cereals 10 photos", "Chedigny Blues Festival - August 12, 2011 20 photos", "Paris - Pastries, Cheese, and other good stuff 14 photos", "Paris August 7, 2011 36 photos", and "Loches - A Medieval Town - August 14, 2011 19 photos". On the right side of the screen, there are several sidebar posts and links, including "Summer tours and special events. Discover first hand the majesty and beauty of the Castle. Find out more here.", "Stop Mitt Romney action.democraticgov...", "Mitt Romney is wrong for middle class families. Sign the petition and fight back now!", "NEW: War Commander!", and "Peace is not an option. Play War Commander!". The browser window also shows tabs for SquirrelMail, value.net, S.O.S. Diagnostics, Creating a good Ebay Ad, and others.

FUTURE GOALS

Improvements

- Improved filter system (not relying on individual JSON files)
- Search functionality
- Better responsiveness across all devices
- Indicator showing which family the different photos come from

More Information

- Historical / Cultural Significance (would need to rework the UI)
- Geolocation feature (perhaps a map view)
- More themes and image categorization

User Upload Feature

- Develop a timeline functionality independent of Timeline JS
- Allow users to upload their own photos and input all the relevant information and data
- User-uploads would automatically be added to the website
- Begin to create a more comprehensive archive on family photography that is constantly growing

THANK YOU

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any questions?