

MEMORIES FOREVER- PHOTO RESTORATION



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I remember last year when I was going through an old family photo album and saw an image of my grandparents on their wedding day. But unfortunately, the image isn't the same as it used to be 70 years back. The image has aged; the color has faded in places and has many visible signs of damage.

With their 70th wedding anniversary around the corner, I wished to gift them something unique and beautiful, when my sister recommended going for a photo restoration of the wedding day picture! What a splendid idea! An option which was right in front of my eyes now can be used to make my grandparents a special day even more special!

WHAT IS PHOTO RESTORATION?

Photograph Restoration is the art of restoring the appearance of a digital copy of a physical photograph which has been damaged by natural, man-made causes or simply affected by age.

With Photo Restoration technique, old and worn out pictures can be repaired digitally to a much better and restored version of the original image. Here the damaged images are scanned to the preferred software and restored using various tools like dust, scratch, noise reduction, and other such associated filter.



So what kind of damages can be restored using Photo Restoration techniques?

People usually dismiss old pictures with the assumption of not being able to restore it, unaware that it can probably be salvaged with a few techniques by experts in this field.

Blurred/ Aged Image:

Images that have with time aged or grayed out in some areas, or has physical damages like discoloration due to the oil residue left from constant human touch, can be restored with the help of Photo Restoration.

Impaired Image:

Many old images get damaged due to natural causes too, like being shut in an album in a damp corner, causing the growth of mildew, or affected by other elements like fire or water. With the help of Photo Restoration techniques, we can help eliminate these factors digitally and help restore the image to perfection.

Antique Images:

An Antique or Vintage image is an image that is of significant value from an era with details and symbolic representation. These photos usually need extra care while restoring so as not to lose the original authenticity of the picture. They are also of a great addition to our culture and heritage.

Monochrome to color restoration:

The art of colorizing an image has been in trend for a while now. With the art of colorizing pictures and even movies, we can redefine the image through a new perspective. By adding color, introducing frames and other such features, we can help restore the image to its original state with a touch of personality.

CONCLUSION

With such impressive technological advances in the field of photo editing and restoration, the previously thought to be an impossible task of salvaging an old picture with sentimental value to the beholder is very much possible now! With photo restoration, you not only restoring an image but restore a beautiful memory captured to its full glory!