

GOOGLE PHOTOSCAN

FOR DIGITAL SCRAPBOOKERS

Google Photoscan is another free app that is very useful for Digital Scrapbookers to capture photos that may be hanging on the walls of our homes, in family albums, or in those boxes on the closet shelf.

If you already have Google Photos click



To download the Google Photoscan app Windows users go to the Google Play Store 

Mac: users download the app from the Apple App Store 

1. **MAKE THE APP EASY TO LOCATE ON YOUR PHONE** Find the Photoscan app on your phone and put it in the same folder as the Google Photos app.
2. **TAKE A PHOTO USING THE DIRECTIONS PROVIDED BY THE APP** . Use the TIPS listed below. Click, click, click, click, straighten borders, Done. Look at the photo and see if it is a keeper or not. If you want a better look at it go to Google Photos on your phone. Just reshoot if it has glare or other imperfections.
3. **CHANGE THE DATE ON THE PHOTO.** Go to Google Photos app> select the photo>click , the 3 dots on the top right side of the screen> click info> click edit pencil>change the date and save. I prefer to change the date using my laptop, because you have more options on the laptop than the phone.
4. **USING YOUR LAPTOP** If it is an acceptable photo, but you want to do more work in Photoshop Elements on it, such as improve the lighting, add information to the metadata, add captions, etc. you can download it to a **WORK IN PROGRESS** folder or an "Uncle Herb "folder on your computer to work on later. Drag and drop it into the folder by splitting your screen. Put Google Photos on one side, and the **WORK IN PROGRESS** on the other side and simply drag the photo to where you want it to be. When you have completed your work on the photo drag and drop it into Google Photos with the new date and improvements ready to share with family and friends. If you are unsure of splitting your screen and drag and drop procedures, let me know and we can practice that some Monday night.

TIPS & TRICKS

1. Use volume controls on your phone to snap photos.
2. Keep phone parallel to photo.
3. Wear neutral clothing.
4. Keep your reflection out of the shot.
5. For photos with ragged edges place black or white cardstock behind photo.
6. Place photo on wall or floor – not on carpet.
7. For large pictures, use a ladder,
8. Change date in Google Photos
9. For best results use indirect light.
10. You decide if scanning with a flatbed scanner is better for your heritage photos.