

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PHOTOGRAPHIC REQUIREMENTS FOR THE HISTORIC TEXAS CEMETERY DESIGNATION

The guidelines for the Historic Texas Cemetery designation have changed. We now accept color **digital** prints as long as they are printed through a photo lab or on your home computer following the specifications below. Photos taken with **film must still be processed black and white**. For our purposes, we cannot accept instant/Polaroid photos or photocopies; photographic prints are required. Our guidelines are to help ensure the prints can be expected to last at least 75 years or longer before yellowing or fading.

Prints from **digital** media must be:

- Black and white or color prints produced from digital images that have demonstrated an expected longevity of at least 75-years (see the information regarding printing below)
- Of sufficient quality to clearly show the detail of the photos' subject

Prints from **traditional 35 mm negatives** must be:

- Black and white images printed on silver-emulsion resin-coated (RC) papers
- Black and white images printed on silver-emulsion fiber-based papers

Printing photos from a home printer

You may print photos from your home printer provided the paper and ink can meet the 75-year standard. Be aware that not all products labeled archival can meet the 75-year standard. No firm definition of archival exists and the term is often used for marketing purposes only. In some instances, products labeled archival will last longer than non-archival products but may not meet the 75-year requirement before yellowing or fading. Following is a list of accepted inks and papers for home printing. This list is not intended to be comprehensive. Photographs produced using other ink and paper combinations that can be documented to meet the 75-year permanence standard will be accepted, provided that verifiable information attesting to their anticipated longevity can be provided. If providing home-printed photographs you must provide verification of the paper and ink used.

Inks

Epson Claria Hi-Definition Inks
Epson Picture Mate Pigment Inks
Epson DURABrite Ultra Pigmented Inks
HP Vivera Inks
Lexmark Evercolor Dye/Pigment Hybrid Photo Inks

Papers

Premium Presentation Paper Matte
Epson Ultra Premium Glossy Photo Paper
Epson PictureMate Paper
HP Premium Plus Photo Paper
HP Advanced Photo Paper Glossy
HP Photo Matte Paper
Lexmark Premium Photo Paper High Gloss

Submitting your photos

- Do not mount or sleeve your photos. Staples, glue, adhesive tape and paper clips can permanently damage the photos. Simply place the loose photos in an envelope.
- Using a pencil or sticky note number each photo on the **back**. Any additional information you wish to provide should be included on the photo list. Do not write or print any text on the front of the photo.
- If home printed provide verification that the paper and ink used meet the specifications above.
- If providing color prints please indicate on the photo list that the photos were taken with a digital camera.

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