



Bleeker Historical Society

# Summer Photo Fest

**Q:** What does it mean to “digitize” a photo?

**A:** Digitizing a photo means turning it into an electronic file that can be saved on a computer drive or disc, then emailed, posted on the web, and printed.

**Q:** Why digitize?

**A:** Photos degrade over time. Digitizing allows you to make copies of your photos without harming the originals, and to share them easily with others.

**Q:** How does it work?

We'll scan your photos, then save one copy for you and one for the Society. You'll receive the originals back, along with your digital copies, right at the Festival.

**Q:** Can you scan from a negative or slide?

**A:** Yes. One of our scanners is capable of scanning from 35mm and 120mm strip film, or 35 mm slide film.

**Q:** What form will the files take?

**A:** We'll scan each image twice: once to jpg at a small resolution for emailing, and once to tiff at a larger resolution for printing, and save both files to a CD (provided by us).

**Q:** What if I don't have a computer or a printer?

**A:** Digital photos can be printed from CD at most commercial photo shops and many drugstores. Some will print photos sent by email.

**Q:** How long does it take?

**A:** It will take about 10 minutes for setup, scanning and saving. We limit each person to 10 photos so that we can get to everyone.

**Q:** What if I have more than 10 historic photos?

**A:** Let us know at the Festival. If you have more photographs of historic interest you'd like to share, we will contact you to make an appointment to digitize more.

**Q:** What else should I bring?

**A:** Any information about your photos would be helpful. You can download a photo info sheet from our website in advance, or tell us about your photos at the Festival.

Q: What if I don't know much about my photos?

A: Society members will be on hand to help you identify people and places in your photos. We might even be able to help solve some photographic mysteries!

Q: Why does the Society want digital copies of historic photos?

A: The Society's mission is to preserve and interpret local history, and to share that information with the public. We use photographs to learn and teach about our heritage.

Q: What will you do with the copy the Society keeps?

A: We may upload photos to our website, print copies to use in our archives or exhibits, and use some in fundraisers. You may agree to some or all of these uses.

Q: How would the Society use my image in a fundraiser?

A: We may use historical images from our collections to create calendars, wall prints, ornaments, and other decorative items to sell.

Q: What will you do with the proceeds from the Festival or future fundraisers?

A: All proceeds will go to support the Society's collections, especially the purchase of archival materials that help to preserve original artifacts for future generations.

Q: Will you acknowledge the donation of my image in some way?

A: Yes. We keep a record of your donation and when we display your image, we will explain who donated the image for our use.

Q: What if I want to donate an original photo, rather than just a copy?

A: The Society gratefully accepts donations of original photos for our collections. Please fill out a donation form at the Hall.

Q. Can I participate in the Festival without donating my images?

A. Of course. Just bring your photos along to display and discuss, then take them home again. We will provide tables to exhibit your images, and materials for labelling them.

Q: I don't have any Bleecker photos to share. Is this Festival for me?

A: Definitely! Come to learn about Bleecker history, help us identify photos, and sample our selection of summer treats. Bring the kids for a fun and informative genealogical craft project.

Q: What kinds of photos are useful to the Society?

A: We are looking for photographs that document Bleecker history. The following themes are especially welcome:

- \* Photos of historic buildings or structures that have disappeared.
- \* Photos that depict historic working life in Bleecker.
- \* Photos of our local veterans.
- \* Photos of the changing Bleecker landscape.
- \* Photos of historic outdoor life: hunting, fishing, trapping, ice harvesting, camping.

*For more information, please see our website at [www.bleeckerhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.bleeckerhistoricalsociety.org).*