**Resources for Caring for Your Family’s Treasures**

**Provided for you by the staff at the National Museum of Civil War Medicine**

Key Resources for Object Care Methodology

**American Institute for Conservation** (This is a good all-around resource for object care.)

[http://www.conservation-us.org/about-conservation/caring-for-your-treasures#.W46XJU2WznM](http://www.conservation-us.org/about-conservation/caring-for-your-treasures" \l ".W46XJU2WznM" \t "_blank)

**Canadian Conservation Institute** (Canada has one of the best state museum collections management programs in the world. Their publications are extremely well researched and helpful. The CCI Notes are some of the best resources on the subject of collection care.)

<https://www.canada.ca/en/conservation-institute/services/conservation-preservation-publications/canadian-conservation-institute-notes.html>

**Library of Congress** (They have a lot of good information for how to care for paper-based objects.) [https://www.loc.gov/preservation/care/](https://www.loc.gov/preservation/care/" \t "_blank)

**National Park Service Conser O Grams (NPS develop resources in the form of Technical Leaflets called Conser O Grams. They are very similar to CCI Notes and provide excellent advice on the care of objects.)** <https://www.nps.gov/museum/publications/conserveogram/cons_toc.html>

**National Park Service Museum Manual (This manual is done in two parts. For direct information about collection care it is important to look into the Appendixes of this manual.)** <https://www.nps.gov/museum/publications/mhi/appendix>

**Smithsonian Institution Museum Conservation Institute** (This will take you to a listing of links on the right that help to explain not only agents of deterioration, but also how to care for the objects.) [https://www.si.edu/mci/english/learn\_more/taking\_care/index.html](https://www.si.edu/mci/english/learn_more/taking_care/index.html" \t "_blank) 

Where do I find a conservator?

The **American Institute for Conservation (AIC)** is a wonderful resource for how to find a conservator. On their web page there is a tab on the right called “Find a Conservator.” Click that and then follow the prompts. The web page is: http://www.conservation-us.org/

**The Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts (CCAHA)** is an organization whose mission is provide services ranging from the treatment of historic artifacts to advising on preservation services to educating the public and museum professionals about conservation and collection care methodologies. Their website is <https://ccaha.org/>

**Regional Alliance for Preservation (RAP)** is a consortium of regional conservation and preservation centers around the county. Staff members who work at these organizations can offer both advice and referrals. Their website is www.rap-arcc.org.

Recommended Companies for Purchasing Archival Supplies

Remember that the term archival is not a regulated term so anyone can slap it onto their product. Archival does not mean it actually is archival, so buyer be aware. The best way to be certain is to purchase from known archival supply companies and look to see if the product as passed the PAT Test. If it has, it is okay to use. If not, it might be good to ask for some additional information. Products made of polyethylene, polypropylene and Mylar are acceptable to use. Stay away from polyvinyl acetate and any type of urethane and related plastics. Acid-free tissue, cardboard and boxes are acceptable to use as well. Just make sure the product you purchase has a PAT Test symbol next to the entry in the catalog.

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