

Google Photos

1. Successor to Picasa. All Google efforts are into this platform
Result: no more updates, cannot download Picasa, cannot use web albums
Can still use as an organizer and editing program
2. Aimed at today's smartphone user with their masses of photos
Need a gmail account
Download mobile app for phones
Desktop uploader for computer, your folder organization NOT maintained, problem
Major functions: editing, organizing, sharing, and backup
3. Backup
Backup at High Quality or Original, high quality is free
High quality compresses anything over 16 MP
Free up device storage; backup to cloud, delete from phone, always available in app
Cellular backup "off", do wifi only to conserve data usage
All camera folder photos automatically backup to cloud:
If phone lost or photos deleted on camera, they will remain on cloud
If photos deleted on cloud (as in Google Photos), they will be deleted on phone
Link 2 phones to same gmail: view each other's photos
4. Organizational:
By date: day, month, or year view. Or scroll through each picture.
Albums created automatically:
People: uses facial recognition; you add names
Places: uses geotag to group pictures
Things: interesting results, use to narrow search,
Albums: create custom album by selecting pictures
5. Editing
Info: size, location, date, device, Add a description – this is not a tag
Adjust: auto, light, color, pop, vignette, rotate, crop, effects
6. Share
Create link, facebook, gmail/email, message, drive, Instagram
Add to a shared album, let others add pictures or not
7. Suitability for our historic scans
No geotag or date for grouping
No ability to add captions or create custom collages
No ability to add tags that are portable between platforms
Scan, upload, edit, create album, and share.
To view on TV with chromecast: just click on cast symbol
Without chromecast: need to download album back to computer, put on flash drive
This is a "virtual" online album; might want more permanency
Backup at high quality probably OK. 4X6 scan at 720PPI will be about 12MP
Try to upload only "my scans" folder, not all of "my pictures": Yikes, what a mess

