



# THE ANTIQUE DETECTIVE

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### Old Photos Clicking With Collectors

If you recently tossed old family photos, tintypes and Daguerreotypes maybe you threw away a bag of money!

I can remember a few years ago at house and garage sales when people snickered at the folks who zeroed in on photo albums priced at a couple of dollars.

Or, seeing a bag of old photos tagged a dollar. Forget that. These days any example of early

photography and even 20th century photos can sell for several hundred dollars to the thousands. Of course not every photo is worth big bucks. But, you might be surprised at what is.

Collector interest began in the 1970s and 1980s when avant garde collectors rediscovered photos as a collectible art form. It was helped along when actor Dustin Hoffman paid a then record price of \$750 for a carte de visite portrait of Abraham Lincoln attributed to Civil War pho-

tographer Mathew Brady, at a Sotheby's photography auction in 1978. That was the signal for dealers and collectors to begin hunting.

At that same auction, other photographs by lesser-known 19th century photographers went for as little as \$75. Many potential buyers at that auction didn't bid...waiting to see what would happen. This would have been the time to start a collection if you didn't have much cash.

These days upscale auction houses such as Christie's and Sotheby's hold specialized photograph auctions.

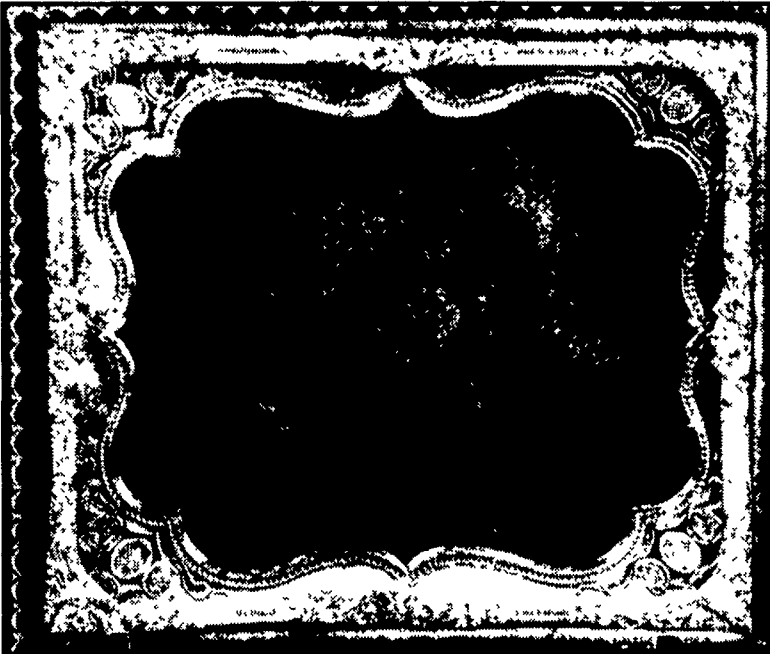
Many of the photographers are considered 20th century masters. Prices are in the high thousands and up.

Another sign for collectors that something was happening was the acceptance in 1977 of photographic images by the National Portrait Gallery and the opening of their photograph department.


It's curator began assembling fine examples from around the country that were put on display. This exhibit covered American portrait photography from the 1840s to the 1940s. This gave would-be collectors beginning and cutoff dates.

Soon, other museums and the Exchange National Bank of Chicago began purchasing photographs by important modern

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Tintype of two Civil War soldiers. Photo credit: Skinner Auctions, Boston.



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OF

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