

Pilot Session – Family Photos and Family Histories
Wednesday 14th June 10.30 am
On Zoom

Most of us have collections of photos, however small, that show our families' lives in the past. Photos are often the most common and sometimes the only record we have. This pilot session will explore how to make the most of family photograph collections. The session is led by social historians Laura King (University of Leeds) and Jane Hamlett (Royal Holloway, University of London). Both specialise in the history of the family in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

The pilot session is a part of a new project that Laura and Jane are developing that explores the way families document their lives and experiences through personal photography. The session will provide an initial toolkit for exploring the meanings of personal photo collections. Laura and Jane will give a short talk about the topic, before there's some time for discussion and sharing a photo. Themes will include:

- Thinking about the choices people made about which photographs to keep and how to preserve them – how do the ways our relatives assembled their photos affect how we understand them today?
- Interpreting relationships and reading emotional meaning in family photographs – how can we interpret pose and facial expression? Who is included in family photos and why?
- Understanding the social context of family photos – what can photos tell us about how our relatives experienced home life, work and leisure?

If you would like to, please do bring a family photo to share with us online for discussion. Click here to enrol: <https://forms.gle/ink1DMdjLCRXEReb6> or email Maggy Simms at slp@u3a.org.uk



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