Restoration & Preservation

1941 National Congress - Chicago, IL
Documentation – Damage to original frame
Water damage and use of cardboard to back photo.

Documentation - Condition of the piece as it was found.
Documentation – As picture was disassembled for restoration and conservation.
Documentation – Dirt and condition of the photo as seen when disassembled.
Documentation – Dirt, damage and condition of the photo
Documentation – Damage to the photo caused by insects and environmental conditions
Documentation – Photographer and family member at the banquet
What would you decide?

- **Restoration** is the physical manipulation or repair of objects.

- **Preservation** is protecting the item with as little change as possible to the true nature of the items.

- **Replication** is the process of repeating, duplicating, or reproducing something.
Process of Restoration

Cleaning – Step 1
Cleaning – Step 2
Cleaning – Step 2
continued
Cleaning – Results
Restoration – wax with color. Closely matched to original color.
Good conservation practices begin with clean hands.
Frame Restoration
Results

Beginning

End
Process of Preservation

Cleaning Photograph
Cleaning – avoid further damage, carefully remove all dirt, insects and residue
Completing the process of Restoration & Preservation

Reassembling

What preservation decisions might be necessary at this point?
Reassembling continued

Use acid free products which will protect the picture.
Seal the back to reduce dust and insects.
2009
This photograph was found after my Great Grandmother’s Julia Gabrish died. My Great Aunt Mary Gabrish-Offutt found it and kept it for many years. She donated it to the Cleveland County 4-H office.

My Aunt Edith Gabrish-McDowell is pictured with the Oklahoma Delegation at the 1941 National Congress in Chicago. She is sitting at the table in the lower left, wearing a black dress and necklace. This photo was taken at the banquet held at the Stevens Hotel.

Aunt Edith was a Cleveland County 4-H member and later an extension agent in Murray County (Sulphur, Oklahoma). She later moved to Calgary, Alberta Canada.

Our family’s 4-H history goes back 75 years. Three generations have gone to National Congress- Great Aunt Edith, my mother Theresa Gabrish-Bragg and my sister Julie Bragg.

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Cleveland County 4-H
Age 9
Three generations attend National Congress

Mother
Theresa Gabrish-Bragg

Sister
Julie Bragg