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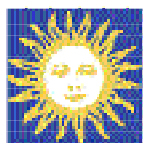
## Maintaining Your Privacy When Telling Lifestories

Sometimes, when you're creating your lifestory using photographs, there may be parts of that story you don't want everyone to know, for whatever reason. Telling a fuller, more whole story through your photo album doesn't mean you have to broadcast any story you don't want others to know — even if they are family members or friends. It's important to remember that, as the creator of the album, you can choose both your audience and how much to tell your audience.

There are a number of ways you can maintain your privacy when you decide to tell a fuller story in an album:

- ✓ **Take your photo albums out of the public view.** Keep them as you do your journals — in a private space. Secure in that private place, your photo albums are essentially “out of bounds” to anyone but those with whom you choose to share them.
- ✓ **Establish for yourself your own privacy threshold.** Material (stories, photos, etc.) you feel comfortable sharing goes on the public side of the threshold (and into a public album) while more personal material goes on the private side (in a private album or private space within an album).
- ✓ **Keep private material in an envelope or pocket in the back of the book or in some other remote receptacle.** Display those photos and stories you are comfortable sharing in your memory book and at the same time hold in confidence the stories you wish to be part of the family record — but which are only for family viewing and reading.
- ✓ **Keep private any cameo narrative or story in a special binder** (labeled, for instance, “Additional family stories for Memory Books”). The scrapbook can contain references to this binder (i.e. “see pages 36 and 37 in ‘Additional Family Stories’ binder.”)
- ✓ **Record some stories and keep them separate without making any reference to them in a scrapbook.** These lifestories or cameo narratives can be kept in a Photo Scribe® binder and refer to the appropriate album where photos are kept. No one need know they exist, unless you choose to let them know.

Remember, you have a right to maintain your privacy. You also have a need to tell your story first to yourself and then to selected others.



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