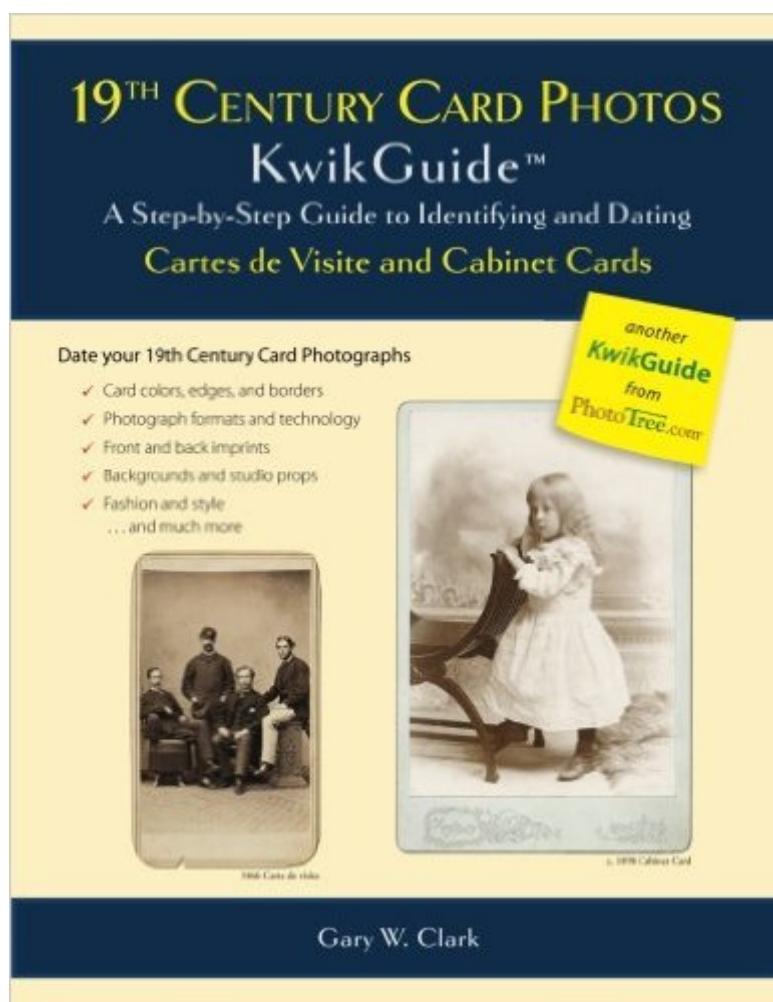


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19th Century Card Photos KwikGuide: A Step-by-Step Guide To Identifying And Dating Cartes De Visite And Cabinet Cards



Synopsis

19th Century Card Photos KwikGuide presents an easy-to-follow set of clues that guides genealogist, historians, and other researchers through the task of dating their card photographs from the 1800s. With over 200 high quality documented photographs included as examples for every clue, the researcher can accurately and with confidence determine most photograph dates to within two to six years. This book illustrates photographic technology changes that occurred frequently throughout the 19th century. These changes have been verified, tracked, and dated, providing a timeline of identifiable characteristics. Traditional review of style and fashion are also included, many with new insight. This KwikGuide presents a fresh and comprehensive approach to researching and dating 19th century photographs. By following the easy-to-use numbered clues, reviewing tables and checklists, and comparing images to their own, the researcher can easily become an expert at dating old photographs.

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Customer Reviews

I've purchased a couple of books on dating 19th century photographs and looked at many more and this one is by far the best. After a very short history of Carte de Visite's (CDV) and Cabinet Card photos, the majority of the book gives you clues in an orderly manner to date your photo. An example, for CDVs look first at thickness, then borders, corners, imprint, size, stamps, clothes, & studio, and the book explains in good depth what to look for under each heading. This book makes it easy to be accurate within just a few years. There are numerous charts and even a checklist for Carte de visites. It's just as informative for Cabinet Cards. Highly recommended.

I have a collection of Cabinet Cards and this book helped me learn a lot about them. There is ton of information and photos. You can date the photos by paper printed on, type of edging on card, is the printers name embellished or plain, the color of the card. Also pictures of the styles of hair and clothing help identify the age. I highly recommend this book which is truly a quick guide.

As a photo historian it's always difficult to lecture about dating photo types and especially their formats without bringing in lots of originals and resources, many of which I've written up myself for easy use. This book has it all! There are other books out there that cover this, but not as clearly or succinctly or thoroughly. If you work with historic photographs in any way and need information based upon them, this book will be a great tool.

I fully concur with the positive comments of the other reviewers. This book is packed with tables, guides and pertinent examples! The information is concrete, easy to understand, and is a "must-have" to be able to date your CDV's and cab cards like an expert. Indispensable! Worth every penny, and you'll keep it close at hand as a reference!!

I would have given this 5 stars except that the book has dozens of typos which completely contradict each other. For instance one page will say a particular photo is from 1873, two pages later it will say it's 1883. These are just some arbitrary dates I used for the scenario. Seriously there are enough conflicting things like this that I felt like contacting the editor. As harsh as that sounds, this book is absolutely an excellent tool for genealogists and amateur archaeologists. Thanks to this guide I was able to set a date range for many historical photographs I found to get a fuller picture of the past on an archaeology site I researched in Arkansas, as well as get an A in my advanced methods in archaeology course at MSU.

I own almost all of the other identification guides available and without a doubt, this book is the most comprehensive and easy to use. It is very well organized making it easy to identify by different features of the photo (hair style, borders, thickness, props, etc.). I refer to it regularly and have been able to narrow time periods which helps immensely when identifying people. I even have found this guide more useful than some of the clothing/hairstyle identification guides. Highly recommended.

I would recommend this book for anyone who has a beginning interest in the history of 19th Century

photographs. This is far better than a similar book I had previously purchased by a different author. The substance is excellent. As an aside, because I was at one time an English teacher, the publisher needs to hire a proof reader or at least a different one. There is a surprising amount of typos, incorrect words and missing words. In spite of the poor proof reading, I found the book to be very worth while.

I inherited a large number of Cabinet Photos and CDVs. Of course, none contained any identification info. This guide is superb in helping you date photos based on the photograph characteristics (e.g., card thickness, background, clothing and hair styles, etc.). This is an excellent guide.

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