This Annotated Bibliography was compiled by graduate scholars at the University of Delaware during the Fall 2017 course Curating Hidden Collections and the Black Archive (initials indicate the author of each entry). While working with “The Baltimore Collection” our class used a wide range of resources to aid in the research on particular photos, to expand our understanding of the collection as a whole, and to deepen our understanding of archival theory and practice, particularly relating to race and representation. In this bibliography, we briefly summarize some of the sources that we found to be the most helpful. We hope this bibliography can serve as a resource and helpful starting point for others that may take up the work of “The Baltimore Collection” or who are engaging in similar archival work.

Critical Methodology in Archives


This work explores the relationships among anthropological fieldwork, museum collecting and display, and social governance in the early twentieth century. Although it doesn't focus specifically on Baltimore, I think it is a great text for understanding the relationship between western institutions and the entitlement to hold ephemera that is stolen from another culture. (EB)


This article delves into the ways in which the concept of the archive must be complicated when telling African American history. If the archive is used to uncover this history, that process cements the authority of the archive. Therefore, the notion must be problematized and expanded to center black life and perspective. Additionally, Morgan’s analysis points to the importance of considering the material reality of underrepresented populations within archival documents. This thinking is especially helpful when considering photographs. (BK)


This article is part of a special issue speaking to the emerging significance of indigenous cataloging systems in archives and libraries. Parent calls attention to the challenges archivist face in cataloging objects related to or originating from indigenous communities due the differing epistemological systems and language use between western-based academic structures and various indigenous communities. Parent emphasizes that catalogers must understand that their job is not a routine process since the terms used in metadata and descriptions reflect the values
and beliefs of those who create it. With this critical understanding of metadata, Parent optimistically believes that archives and libraries can play a leading role in collaborating with local communities to move toward cataloging solutions that are respectful. (SM)

**Contextual Information**

**Atlantic City**


This book discusses the development of Atlantic City as an American resort town. While the book does not focus on the African American communities within Atlantic City, there are sections that discuss the situation of African Americans in Atlantic City. African Americans permanently settled in the city to work in its service-based economy, and the city also served as a vacation destination for wealthy blacks from Philadelphia and other metropolitan areas. There is some discussion of the racial tensions in the city, but this theme is not central to the book. Instead, the book is a broad overview to provide a general understanding of the historical context of Atlantic City as a vacation destination. (SM)

**Baltimore**


This directory lists photographers and photographic studios in Maryland with their address and the years they operated at each address. Brief biographical notes are included with the entries where relevant. The directory also includes more extensive biographies of twelve prominent photographers. This is an extremely valuable resource for researching photos from Maryland during this period, particularly for dating photos. (IZ)


Written by Philip LaCombe, who was a graduate student at the University of Maryland – College Park at the time. The paper examines the evolution of Baltimore’s working-class history, exploring immigrant population networks and generational shifts in commerce. This work is exploring the role of alleyways, but more importantly connects the past and present of the city. This could be helpful for providing background information on photo studios in the Baltimore region. (EB)

Warren, Mame and Warren, Marion E. *Maryland Time Exposures: 1840-1940*. Baltimore and

This work is a compendium of vernacular photographs taken across Maryland mostly around the turn of the century. Considerable attention is paid to photographs of the changing face of Baltimore in this period, especially to the rise of industry and to the aftermath of the devastating Great Baltimore Fire of 1904. At least one of the photography studios represented in “The Baltimore Collection” was in the path of the Great Baltimore Fire. Most of the photographs illustrated are either vernacular family photographs or professional photographs of the type that would have appeared in newspapers. Many of the images show African American Marylanders, though the book does not devote particular attention to the complex racial landscape of Maryland in the century represented. (DF)


This book is a photographic history of the city of Baltimore. The book is composed entirely of photographs of the city collected from disparate but meticulously documented sources, and contemporary quotations from Baltimore newspapers. It contains an exceptional series of images documenting the Great Baltimore Fire, and at least one of the photographs in the volume was taken by Richard Walzl, who is represented within “The Baltimore Collection.” Other images document storefronts and fashions in Baltimore during the period. As with Maryland Time Exposures, some images show African American residents of Baltimore but their presence is not thematized. (DF)

**Philadelphia**


In 1899 Du Bois published his sociological study on the largest population of Blacks living outside the South. Supported by activist social reformer, Susan Wharton and acting provost Charles C. Harrison at the University of Pennsylvania, Du Bois studied the present conditions of the Black community to understand how they lived, worked, were educated, spent their leisure time, and any other social issues. The book became an interpretive analysis of Philadelphia’s Seventh Ward, which at the time contained the largest concentration of Black people in the city. Du Bois created a seminal study with a framework that has been emulated many times in the twentieth century by social scientists. His framework analyzed six factors that played into the conditions of the Black community: the history of enslavement, servitude, and oppression; the effects of disproportionate demographics between men and women; employment competition with free whites both native born or recent immigrants from Europe; racial prejudice and discrimination; resources, dynamics, internal structure and leadership within the Black community; and the morality and capacity of Black self-determination. In this 2007 edition of Du Bois infamous sociological study there is a foreword by Professor Henry Louis Gates
entitled, “Black Letters on the Sign” as well as an introduction by Professor Lawrence Bobo, both professors at Harvard University. (KC)


In 1896, W.E.B. DuBois began research that resulted three years later in the publication of his great classic of urban sociology and history, The Philadelphia Negro. Today, a group of the nation's leading historians and sociologists celebrate the centenary of his project through a reappraisal of his book. Motivated by Du Bois’ deeply humane vision of racial equality, they draw on ethnography, intellectual and social history, and statistical analysis to situate DuBois and his pioneering study in the intellectual milieu of the late nineteenth century, consider his contributions to the subsequent social scientific and historical studies of the city, and assess the meaning of his work for today. (JM)


This is a directory of photographer names, addresses, and studio names of Pennsylvania between the dates listed in the title. The book contains a glossary of early photographic terms as well as the sources for the directory entries. (KC)


The catalogue and exhibition were created to explore the collections at the Library Company of Philadelphia and the Historical Society of Pennsylvania related to African Americans. The curators intended to emphasize the contributions of African Americans to their own history. Each document is cited with a brief explanation of its content and importance. The catalogued material spans from the eighteenth century to the twentieth century and covers a range of mediums including books, prints, drawings, newspapers, pamphlets and letters. The vast majority of documents are by white authors in regards to African Americans in the context of slavery. Special attention is paid to the abolitionist perspective and the curators seem to have a proclivity for including correspondence and memoirs. The catalogue is organized into chapters, such as “Men and Women of Talent,” “The Abolitionists,” “Slavery and Freedom in France and Her Colonies” and “The African Homeland.” (CG)

**Dating Resources**


This book is a strong introduction to changing trends in women’s fashion between 1550
and 1970. Edwards breaks women’s fashion in Europe and the United States into eleven broad stylistic periods organized chronologically. Each section features a brief essay that describes the popular styles, the forces that influenced their popularity, and the key design elements that a researcher can use to distinguish a dress from that period. She further pairs these essays with pictures of seven to eight examples of fashionable dress from that period. Designed with the reader in mind, Edwards annotates the dresses, providing its date and place of production while labeling the different parts of the dress with the name of that feature, its construction, and the date range in which it became popular. This book focuses on high-fashion until the twentieth century. Overall, this is an invaluable resource for identifying women’s fashion and developing foundational knowledge on the subject. It serves as both a how-to guide for dating historic costume and a manual with which to train the eye. (AR)


This book divides its content and illustrations by gender, age, decade, and outfits for particular occasions or groups of people. It predominantly covers women’s fashion during the first three quarters of the nineteenth century which is useful in identifying time periods of photographs in “The Baltimore Collection,” but it also includes multiple useful illustrations and commentaries on children’s dress and men’s apparel. (KF)


This text is a significant contribution to fashion history in the United States, as Severa focuses not on the high fashion of the period but the clothing of “ordinary Americans” as captured through the lens of the camera. In this book, Severa closely analyzes hundreds of photographs, focusing on the styles worn by the sitters and the details of their clothing. This information allows her to date the photographs, details that she includes in her tombstone information alongside the photographic technique used and the institution housing the photographs at the time of publication. The photographs are organized chronologically, broken into decade-long chapters. Each section includes an essay summarizing photographic techniques used in the period; sources that women used to follow fashion trends, such as women’s magazines and patterns; detailed fashion trends popular in that century for men, women, and children; and the technology used to produce these clothes, including the rise of the home sewing machine. Ultimately, through close analysis of these photographs, Severa uncovers a rich history about the practice of self-styling outside of the wealthiest members of society in the mid-to-late nineteenth century. (AR)

For those interested in the history of American fashion, this text provides a detailed overview of fashion trends among men, women, and children in the United States between 1861 and 1899. Stamper and Condra break down this period into two parts - fashion during the Civil War and Reconstruction era (1861 - 1876) and fashion during the Gilded Age (1877 - 1899). To contextualize the clothing, each section includes a timeline paired with a brief overview of the social, political, and cultural history of the period, including information about the increasing popularity of photography. Of particular importance to research on the Baltimore Collection, this text is useful for dating clothing. While the text rarely uses visual examples, Stamper and Condra take great pains to describe the clothing trends in each period. The chapter on women’s fashion between 1861 and 1876 includes subsections about bodices, necklines, bodice closures, skirts, jackets, corsets, hoops, drawers, hosiery, and accessories. The men’s and children’s sections are similarly detailed for both periods in this text. The authors only briefly cover clothing among Native Americans, African Americans, and rural Whites. Overall, this text serves as a strong introduction to fashion history, particularly design trends, economic and political influences on clothing design, cultural practices of dress, and the production and transportation of clothing in America. It is also a strong example of how to describe clothing. (AR)

**Historical Photography**

**Black Imagery in Photographs and Black Photographers**


Drawn from the *New York Times* photo archive, this book is a collection of the overlooked and undervalued photos. This work can be insightful to understand the ways we consider the value of a photographs lifespan. This book demonstrates how photos originally deemed to be unusable have now been formed into a collection/archive of their own. The images with “The Baltimore Collection” predate those exhibited within this book, but is a useful example on why archival organization is necessary and what can be done with photos that don’t make into the magazines the 1st time round. (EB)


This book traces the visual image of the Black body from the gradual abolition acts of the late eighteenth century until the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850. Cobb illuminates the divergent techniques Black people used to prepare enslaved people and White society for Black freedom. This practice not only threatened the institution of enslavement but also the subjectivity of many White people in society. Cobb focuses on Black women’s bodies for the agency women used to manipulate the visual gaze of their bodies to recognize femininity. She engages feminist theories of spectatorship to show how Black women contributed to shaping Black visuality of the
nineteenth century. Cobb uses the image of freed slave Elizabeth “Mumbet” Freeman, the creation of friendship albums, satirical caricatures, and portrayals of Black freedom in the nation and abroad to theorize the many ways Black freedom was visualized by transatlantic White society and Blacks, brought into the home, and domesticated. (KC)


Cheryl Finley’s essay appears at the end of Wallace and Smith’s larger book project. It details the author’s interaction with a nineteenth century photographic album of black sitters that was auctioned at Swann Galleries in New York. The object was actually purchased by Finley because she felt deep attachment to the sitters’ depictions and did not want black bodies to be auctioned in the present day. In the future, Finley plans to write historical fiction about those people in the album in order to reinscribe an identity to them that has been lost. Her analysis is crucial to understanding the larger project of recovery. (BK)


In this introductory essay, Coco Fusco unpacks photography’s relationship to the history of racism and colonialism. Fusco argues that photography as a medium is implicated in the creation of a racialized Other and therefore should not be separated from conceptions of racial identity. Her remarks are helpful when unpacking both the authority of the archive and the photograph. (BK)


Trudy is a social critic and artist. In this work, Trudy is addressing a framework to understand the relationship between street photography and colonialism. Although few items in the Baltimore Collection are taken outside of a studio, a similar framework could be adapted to portrait and studio photography. (EB)


In the 1960s, art patrons Dominique and Jean de Menil founded an image archive showing the ways that people of African descent have been represented in Western art from the ancient world to modern times. Published by Harvard University and the DuBois Institute, the multi-volume collection of scholarly essays that make up The Image of the Black in Western Art, uses the image archive as a framework to analyze the representations of black figures in Western
art throughout time. Most relevant to our course work is an essay by Deborah Willis titled, “Counteracting the Stereotype: Photography in the Nineteenth Century.” Willis discusses the evolution of photography in eighteenth and nineteenth century America and how it was used represent African Americans. Willis emphasizes the evolving nature of photographic portrayal and how photography allowed African Americans to assert a new identity. For more on the series and the individual volumes: http://www.imageoftheblack.com/ (CG, JM)


The contribution of black women photographers in their field is an under-researched and underrepresented field of study. Many of the names of black female photographers have been lost to time, but this book aims to preserve and publicize the legacy of some black women, integrating their accomplishments into the wider historiography of photography. The book is organized chronologically with a historical overview and critical summary of five periods from 1839 to 1985 followed by more detailed biographies of some black female photographers. Due to the limitation of the historic record, more individuals from the mid to late twentieth century are featured than from the nineteenth century. Nevertheless, this book is an important start to a difficult task. (SM)


In this text Smith “reads” the Georgia Negro Album photographs featured in Du Bois’s 1900 Paris Exposition exhibition. She conducts this work as a visual cultural analysis to explicate the cultural and historical significance of the photographs which she believes has been lost or forgotten in the contemporary moment. Smith explains the importance of Du Bois’s photographs for their ability to inform our understanding of “double consciousness” as well as for their ability to reinterpret the racialized gaze through which he stated the notion of race was formulated and negotiated. Smith’s overall methodology is grounded in the idea that race was fundamental and defined by visual culture; race and visual culture are mutually constitutive and finally that photographic archives are racialized sites laden with contested cultural meanings. (KC)


This New York Times article is a discussion or the black experience within photography between Sandra Stevenson, Visual Editor for the NYT and Sarah Lewis, an Assistant Professor at Harvard University in the Department of History of Art and Architecture and the Department of African and African American Studies. (EB)

Wallace, Maurice O. and Shawn Michelle Smith, eds. Pictures of Progress: Early Photography

This book compiles chapters from contemporary scholars in various disciplines that reflect on how African American intellectuals and activists in the nineteenth century and early twentieth century conceptualized and utilized photography for self-representation, empowerment, and social justice. The emphasis on visual culture is further expanded by the short essays or “snapshots” that feature and interpret the work of four early African American photographers. This book acted as the main text for this project and provided examples of current avenues of scholarship and visual analysis concerning African American photography and imagery. (SM)


This edited volume by Deborah Willis features a collection of short essays written by African American artists, scholars, critics, filmmakers, and curators. Contributors include bell hooks, Adele Logan Alexander, and Angela Davis. In each essay, the author responds to a photograph that is personally or professional meaningful, detailing the significance that the photograph has in their lives and, at times, political and cultural importance of the photograph as well. At the time of its publication, this book - African Americans analyzing photographs of African Americans to uncover the multidimensional meanings of blackness - was revolutionary in its premise. This is a significant book for anyone interested in the topic of photography, whether generally or specifically in the African American community. (AR)


This book, written by a pioneering scholar in researching and critically analyzing mid-eighteenth and early twentieth century black photography, is one of the first general histories of black photographers to be published. It compiles hundreds of photographs by known black photographers from major institutional and private collections. These photographs are organized chronologically into five general periods from 1840 to 2000, and each section includes a contextual discussion of the role of black professional photographers. As the title indicates, the book focuses on photographs with known photographers, as opposed to images of black individuals by unknown or white photographers. (SM)


This book is a compilation of early photographs of African Americans from the collection of the J. Paul Getty Museum and the private collection of Jackie Napolean Wilson, the author. As a collector, Wilson believes that photographs act as import historical documents and visual records of the lived experience of African Americans. Each two-page spread in this book
includes a facsimile of a photograph and a brief paragraph concerning the image. These paragraphs are not formulaic descriptions that lack emotion. Instead, the author variously describes the image, presents historical context, or includes rhetorical questions. The descriptions are short and do not fully describe all of the elements within the photograph. Instead, the author calls to attention certain aspects of the photograph, always emphasizing the black individuals, in order to force readers to consider the humanity and lived experiences of free and enslaved blacks in the 19th century. (SM)

Identification of Historical Photographs

This book describes both positive and negative photographic processes, how to identify them, and common misconceptions in both their identification and production. It also notes the various types of photographs most commonly used for media such as cartes-de-visite, cabinet cards, and memento photographs. Additionally, it gives specific time periods when photographic processes were developed, became popular (or not, as the case may be), and when they fell out of favor. Finally, it notes the many condition issues to which photographs of different types are most susceptible. It was helpful in dating the photographic objects, determining which type the objects are, and learning more about the specific photographic processes. (KF, BK)

General Resources on Historical Photography

This work will serve as an excellent source for understanding the impact of religion on the new medium of photography. Ultimately Rachel McBride Lindsey is interested in these questions: “what violence do photographs do to the study of religion? Or, more cautiously, how must the academic study of religion scrutinize and transform itself in order to incorporate rigorous, sustained, and candid analyses of material and visual sources?” (SA)


Overall, this book serves as both a strong example of how to build analysis into object description and a helpful resource for contextualizing American daguerreotypes. Featuring nearly 300 daguerreotype portraits of men, women, and children between 1840 and 1840, Severa seamlessly weaves together detailed description of the fashion depicted in the photograph, analysis of the subjective qualities of the photography, and contextual information about the sitter, where applicable. The book also provides a helpful overview of the rise of the daguerreotype portrait in the mid-nineteenth century in the United States. The foreword provides information about the different categories of daguerreotype studios, photographers, supply
houses, and advertising techniques that made this phenomenon possible. The introduction likewise summarizes the means through which information about fashion trends was circulated, including ladies’ magazines, newspapers, and fashion plates. Thus, this text provides ideas about where to conduct primary source research on daguerreotype portrait photography, as well. (AR)


Siegel’s work will be of great interest of those working with photo albums and understanding the meanings they present not only for researchers but also for the novice. This work examines the importance of the photo album during the nineteenth century which Siegel points was a time of great change. Thus, during this change, photo albums allowed for Americans to present themselves in different and new ways than before. (SA)

**Useful Websites**


This website is a blog maintained at least through Summer 2017 by Details Deconstruction, a nonprofit hired to dismantle derelict rowhouses in Baltimore. It contains valuable information about Baltimore neighborhoods, specific turn-of-the-century occupants, and the rowhouses themselves. (DF)


This WordPress site aggregates cabinet cards with a large variety of sitters from many different photography studios. The digital collection is organized by date or subject matter allowing easy access to many different examples of cabinet cards. The URL above links directly to Newsboy cabinet cards which proves directly relevant to the study of 2017.0017.0005, the cabinet card of Robert G. Ingersoll. (KF)


This website is a good resource for identifying photographs as well as eighteenth and nineteenth century photography knowledge. This website has great examples of fashion from decades in the nineteenth century. There are also great examples of photography that have confirmed dates to help future researchers identify hairstyles and clothing options. (SA)


This is a commercial site with the mission “to educate homeowners, contractors, builders,
and designers on popular concrete techniques and applications.” While intended for modern homeowners’ and contractors’ use to understand current products, the site’s timeline on the history of concrete provides useful information in narrowing down the time frame for photograph 2001.0017.0031 because it notes that cement was first used in home construction by Thomas Edison in New Jersey in 1908 and the first load of ready mix cement was delivered in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1913. As the buildings by Edison were more apartment style rather than individual homes like the one in the photograph, this information indicates that this photograph could not have been taken prior to 1913. (KF)


This site has been useful in identifying the clothing styles, hats, and hairstyles of the those depicted in the photographs. From this information, one is able to date the photographic objects. It is especially helpful in cases such as when the people are unidentified and the photographic type spans many years. The site is organized into the headings of transportation, roadside features, agricultural features, buildings, human features, and other. If you click on “Clothing/Hair” under the “Human Features” category, you are taken to a page with links organized by decade between 1850 and 1950. Under each decade category you can select women or men’s clothing, hats, hairstyles, or accessories for more information on what was in vogue for that decade. (KC, BK)


This website provides in-depth analysis of all photographic processes, including an overview of the type, close-up views of the objects, and date ranges for the objects. The “Identification” tab allows the user to choose which processes he/she wants to explore and breaks the information up into the various different types. The close-up views of the objects help to determine which type of photograph you are working on. It also proved helpful in dating the objects. (BK)


This website complements the book Rachel McBride Lindsey by the same title. This a digital exhibition that grants more access to the author's research process and another format to present this information to the public. Unlike the images featured in the book, this online collection came from a family member and seemed out of place for a white American family in comparison to the locale such as Nigeria. Lindsey is interested in using her term “communion of shadow” as it relates to religion. Here she says, she is most interested in interrogating the
questions of her conclusion, “what violence do photographs do to the study of religion? Or, more cautiously, how must the academic study of religion scrutinize and transform itself in order to incorporate rigorous, sustained, and candid analyses of material and visual sources?” (SA)


This short web guide provides information that helps with the identification and dating of photo postcards. The guide includes the various photographic print types and papers that were used to create postcards. This guide also focuses on the postcard back and includes facsimiles of the text boxes in the space for the stamp with the date range in which they were used. This resource is therefore helpful in narrowing the potential date range of postcard photographs in the Baltimore Collection. (SM)


This photo essay and short article from The Baltimore Sun discusses the Baltimore tradition of scrubbing white marble rowhouse steps. It provides visual examples of many different kinds of rowhouses, relevant to 2017.0017.0022 which shows rowhouses barely discernible in the background. (DF)


This interview with Photo Historian Tina Campt is useful for her discussion of ? Brian Wallis interview with Tina Campt about her new book, Listening to Images. Tina M. Campt is Claire Tow and Ann Whitney Olin Professor of Africana and Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies and Director of the Barnard Center for Research on Women at Barnard College. Brian Wallis is a curator and writer based in New York. This brief interview serves as a nice introduction to Campt’s book Listening to Images and how we should read images of those in the African diaspora for self-representation. (SA).

Short Bibliography for the Identification and Preservation of Photographs

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http://www.conservation-wiki.com/wiki/Main_Page
Albumen photographs: history, science and preservation
http://albumen.conservation-us.org/

The Canadian Conservation Institute (CCI) – Agents of Deterioration

The Eye – Digital Print Connoisseurship
http://the-eye.nl/

The Image Permanence Institute (IPI)
https://www.imagepermanenceinstitute.org/

Books:


The Preservation Self-Assessment Program (PSAP), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is a free online tool that helps collection managers prioritize efforts to improve conditions of collections. PSAP includes useful collection identification guides, such as one for daguerreotypes, ambrotypes, and tintypes (https://psap.library.illinois.edu/collection-id-guide/directimage) and one for other photographic and image materials (https://psap.library.illinois.edu/collection-id-guide#photo_image).