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## ***Preserving Your Family Records***



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Conservation Laboratory  
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College Park, MD

Mary Lynn Ritzenthaler will explain how to preserve family papers and photographs, how to safely mount them, and how to frame and display them. She will discuss the factors that cause damage to paper and photographs and how to store them in an environment that ensures their preservation.

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Mary Lynn Ritzenthaler is Chief of the Conservation Laboratory at the National Archives and Records Administration, where she has worked since 1985. She worked previously for the Society of American Archivists and the University of Illinois-Chicago, and has an undergraduate degree in English and a MSLS with a concentration in archives administration from Wayne State University. She studied bookbinding with Bill Anthony, and has published and lectured extensively in the area of archives preservation. She is the author of *Preserving Archives and Manuscripts* and co-author of *Photographs: Archival Care and Management*, both published by the Society of American Archivists, Chicago. She served as the lead of the conservation team treating and re-encasing the Charters of Freedom, 1999–2003.