

Albumen Comparison Table

Popular 1854 - 1900s

	Carte de Visite	Cabinet Card	Postcards	Gelatin Silver Prints
Inventor	Andre Disderi, of Marseilles			
Date Developed	Patented in 1854		1861-1865-1873 JP Carlton to Lipman Postcard	1872
Popular In	1859-1900	1862-1900	1890-1900 small 1900-1915 Std 5 ½ x 3 ½	1890 equally popular to albumen, no difference in value
Photographic Process	Albumen	Albumen	Albumen	Albumen
Size	Most common 4 ½ x 2 ½	Most common 6.75 x 4.5	Small varies, less then Std. 5 ½ x 3 ½	All kinds of sizes
Paper Description	Thin, glossy, square cut corners, paper fibers visible.	1880- many colors added to paper.	Stiff paper	Paper fibers covered by gelatin, can not be seen
Deterioration signs specific to process.	Yellow, fading, foxing.	Yellow, fading, foxing	Silvering	Albumen sepia tones, Silvering
Mount Description	1850-1855 Very thin card	1880-1890 Blue, pink, yellow, grn 1890- very dark mounts gold/wht writing. 1870-round corners	Not mounted, thin card with stamp and address printed on back.	1900 mounted or can stand-alone.
Photographer Information	1860-1870 Simple name found on backs.	1880-1900 Elaborate designs on entire back.	None	On mount or on face of photograph after 1900s