

PRESERVATION CONCERNS IN OFF-SITE STORAGE SPACES

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Non-profit paper
conservation lab and
preservation education
organization:

- ❖ Book, paper, and photo conservation treatment
- ❖ Housing and framing
- ❖ Digital imaging
- ❖ Preservation services

INTENTIONAL VS. NON-PURPOSE-BUILT

❖ “Archival Storage” (Harvard Model):

PI = 100-280 years

❖ “Annex Storage” (non-purpose-built):

PI = 10-58 years

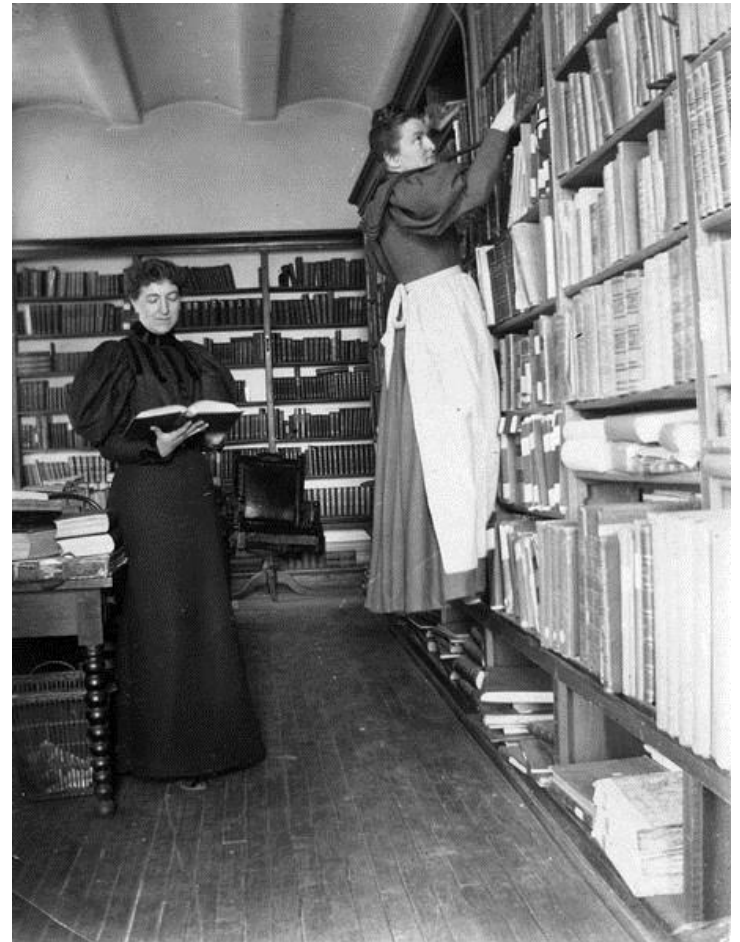
PRESERVATION-RELATED REASONS FOR OFF-SITE STORAGE

- ❖ Disaster back-up
- ❖ Climate control
 - Specialized environments
- ❖ Space is a preservation consideration as well
 - Collections on-site
 - Enclosures
 - Oversized
- ❖ Tiered preservation considerations



PRESERVATION-RELATED CHALLENGES FOR OFF-SITE STORAGE

- ❖ Handling training
- ❖ Climate control
- ❖ Neighbors
- ❖ Risk during transport
- ❖ Monitoring
- ❖ Housekeeping
- ❖ Fire risks



QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. How does your institution approach preservation for your off-site storage facility?

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2. What are barriers to implementing preservation initiatives at off-site storage?

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3. Are there ways that institutions could collaborate to help one another achieve preservation goals at off-site storage facilities?

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4. How could conservators or preservation specialists help your institution incorporate off-site storage into overall strategic preservation planning efforts?

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