

MyHeritage Photo Repair, Enhance, Colorize, and Animate



It just takes seconds for MyHeritage to make these changes in this photo. MyHeritage has new photo “Repair” feature to complement their Enhance, Colorize, and Animate features recently announced. While some of these features came out a few months ago, they have added their new Repair feature that helps remove cracks and some blemishes from your family photos.

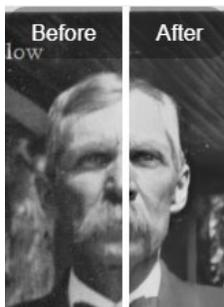
[In this episode on Genealogy TV](#), I show you how to Repair, Enhance, Colorize, and Animate your ancestors' images with their free and super easy photo repair features. All you need is a free MyHeritage account.

For best results, use portrait photos with faces. You can upload images of ships and other non-human items, but you won't be able to animate anything without a face.

The Four Photo Features

Repair

Repair primarily fixes cracks, dust, and scratches in images.



Enhance

Enhance primarily increases contrast to give the appearance of a sharper image. Blacks are darker and lines appear sharper. In smaller images, this can cause a softer effect. If this is undesirable, you can remove it. See the “Undo or Remove” section below.



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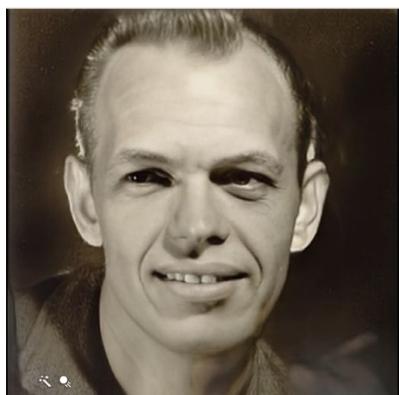


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Colorize

Colorize does its best to add skin tone to faces, adds green to areas it detects to be grass, bushes, trees, and it will attempt to add some color to clothing and in backgrounds (although as muted colors).

If there is any color in the original image, you may find it increases the saturation of the image.



Animate

The Animate feature is also known as Deep Nostalgia™. It works best on portraits with clear definitions between the person and the background. It even works on some paintings, chalk or pastel drawings, as demonstrated in the [video](#). If there is no face detected or the image is too small, it will not allow animation. I even tried a dolls face, and it did not detect it.

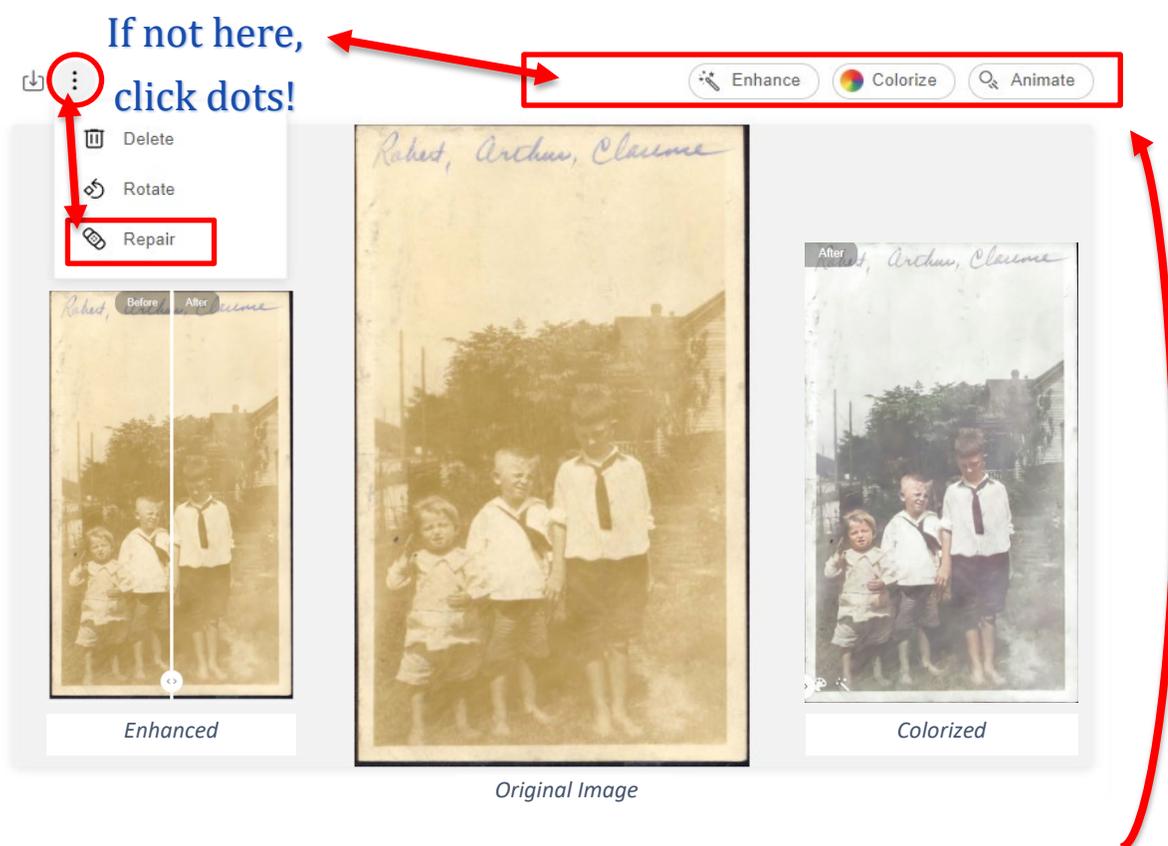
[Click here to see this image animated.](#)

Step by Step Instructions to Repair, Enhance, Colorize, and or Animate

- 1) You will need to **login** to an account at **MyHeritage**.
 - a. If you do not' have an account, you can start a [free trial here](#).
 - b. Alternatively, [sign up for free here](#) and scroll to the bottom of the page, in the footer, there is a column labeled Home, under that Home column (in the footer) is a "Sign Up for Free" link. Click that link and a form will pop up. (Make sure you allow popups in your browser settings).
- 2) Once logged in, go to the **Photos** tab at the top of the screen.
- 3) **Upload** the photos you want to repair in the upper right corner. Either drag photos or select them for upload.
- 4) **Choose the image** you want to Repair, Enhance, Colorize, and or Animate.
- 5) MyHeritage recommends that you use the Repair, Enhance, Colorize, and Animate in the order as it is listed (reading left to right). You do not need to do all the functions. For example, if an image does not have cracks or scratches, you do not need to use the

Repair feature. Another example, I often animate black and white images without colorizing them.

- 6) To **Repair** an image, you may see the repair button above the image with the other Enhance, Colorize, and Animate buttons.
 - a. If you do not, click the three dots on the upper left of the image to open the menu. You should see the repair button there.
 - b. As you use each tool, they will gray out and you cannot use them again.
 - c. Washed out images like this are difficult to Enhance. Little changed in this image with Enhance, whereas Colorize did improve the image. This image needs more contrast added that this software cannot handle. However, try it. Some images have done very well with this software.



- 7) To **Enhance**, **Colorize**, or **Animate** it is as simple as clicking the buttons shown above.

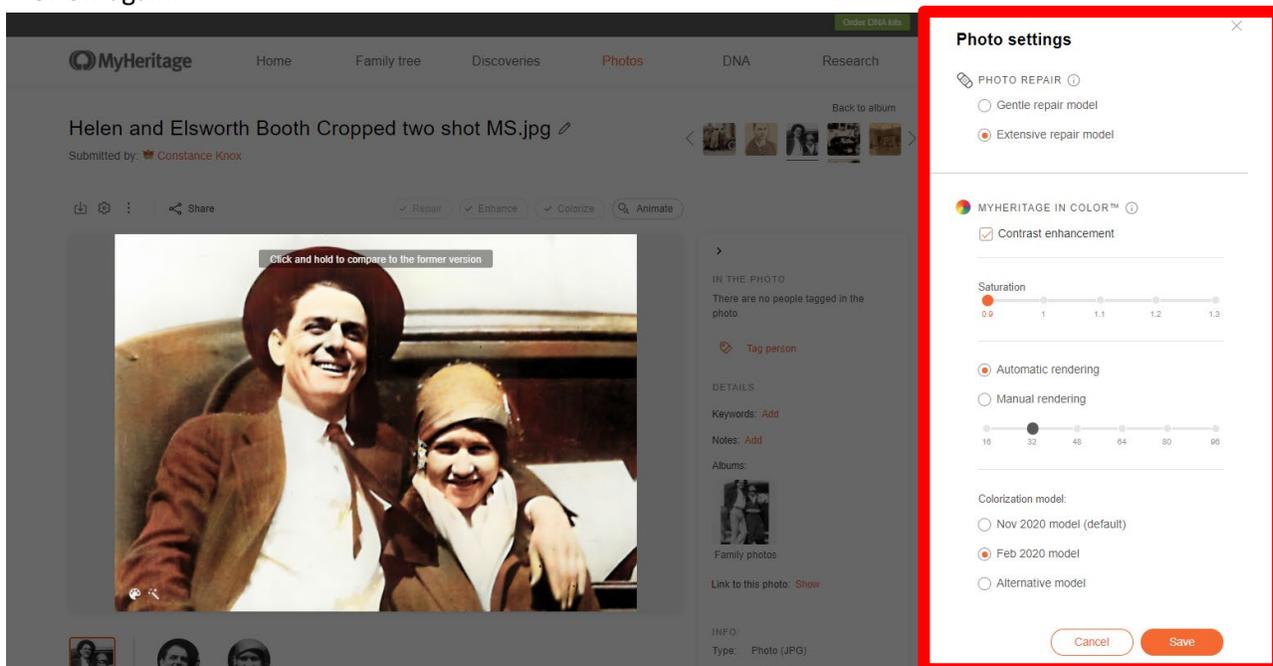
Photos with Effects Applied

Photos with effects applied will show these icons over the image in the photo gallery.



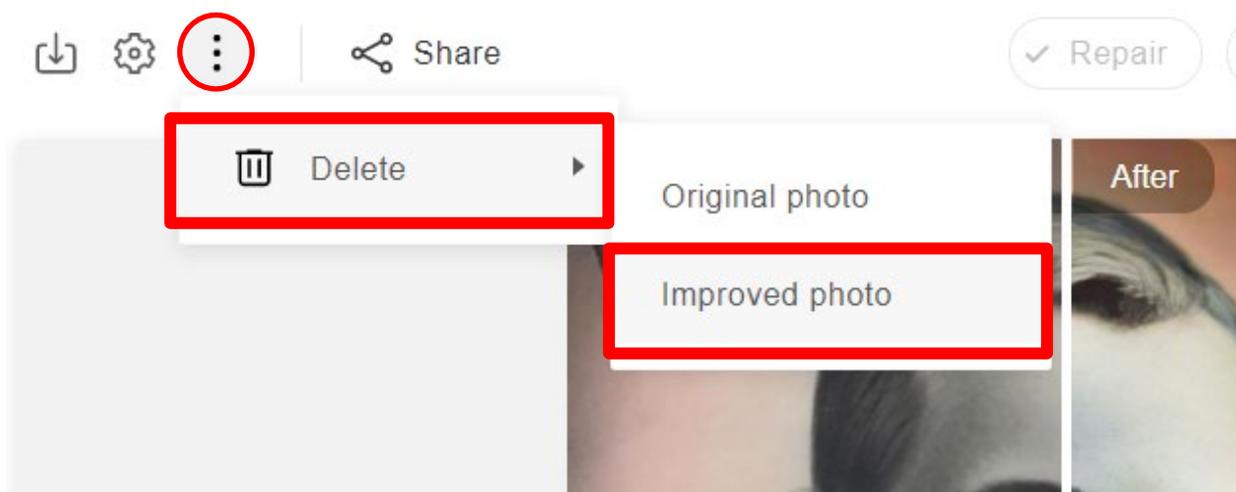
Fine-Tune Your Effects

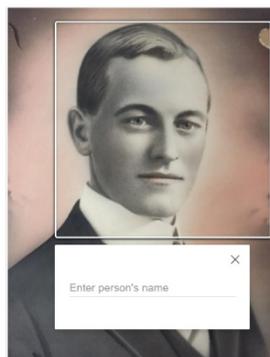
You can adjust the effects by clicking on the gear icon in the upper left corner of the image you are working on. A side panel will pop out. You can adjust the Repair and Colorization. Be sure to click the Preview button to see the changes. If you like it, choose Save, if not, choose Cancel or readjust and Preview again.



Undo or Remove Effects

You can see which effects have been applied because the featured buttons will be grayed out. The only way to remove the effects is to click the three dots and choose to delete improved image. You can then start over with the original uploaded image as long you don't delete the original.



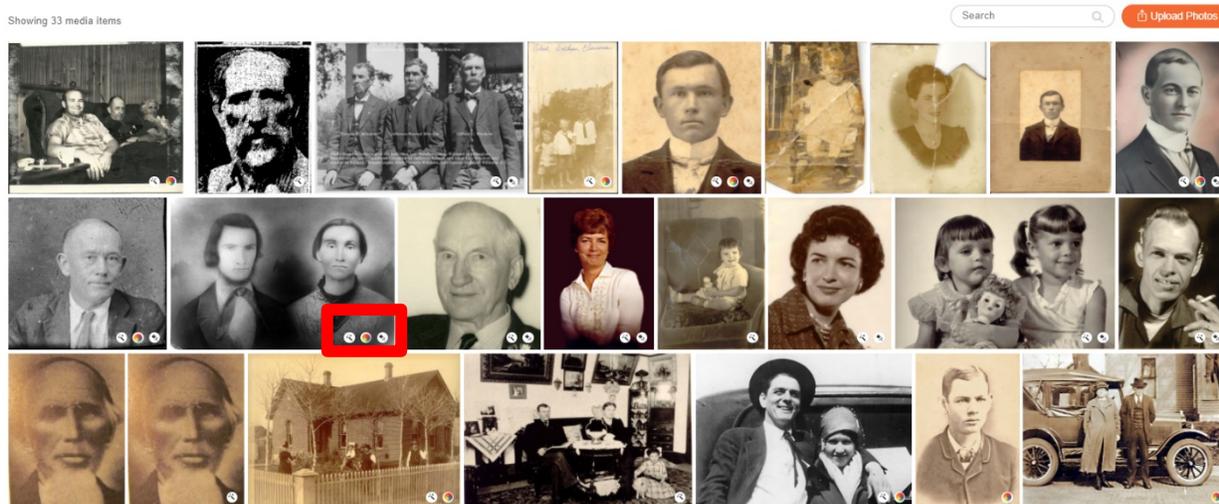


Tag a Photo with a Name. You can add a name to a face by hovering over the image until a box appears, then click, then enter a name. You can also do so below the image. Below in the lower left of the image is a circle image, click on that to add the ancestor's name.



Your Original Images are Still There!

While it appears in the gallery that there is only one image, your original image is still there. You can see the images that have improved by the icons in the lower left corner, as mentioned above. Clicking on one image will allow you to see the original and the improved image.

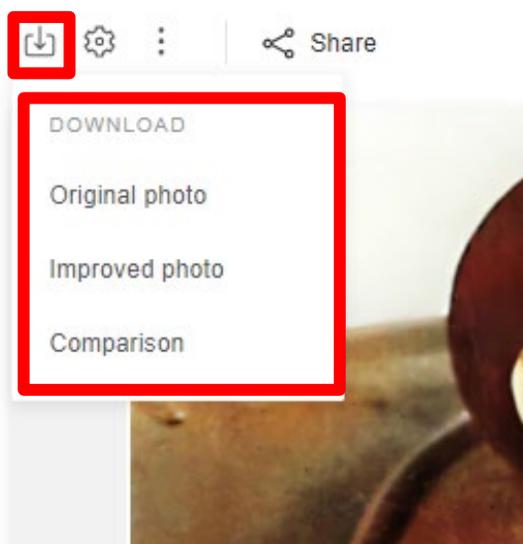
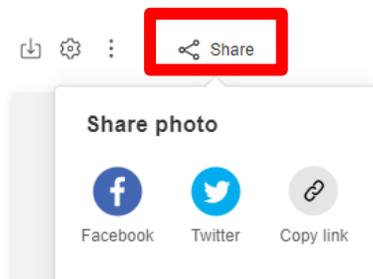


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