# Process ID Chart: **19<sup>th</sup> Century Photographic Prints**



**IMAGE SURFACE:** ANY GLOSS POSSIBLE **PAPER FIBERS:** NOT VISIBLE

## **SALTED PAPER** (1840-1860)

**IMAGE SURFACE:** VELVETY MATTE

**PAPER FIBERS:** CLEARLY VISIBLE

• Fading and discoloration of image is common



Velvety Matte with coatings

### **PLATINUM** (1880-1930)

- Sepia prints: often fade
- Neutral prints: yellowing and embrittlement of paper
- Image transfer possible





Velvety Matte with coatings

## PAPER FIBERS: PARTIALLY VISIBLE

**IMAGE SURFACE: SEMI-MATTE TO SEMI-GLOSS** 



#### (1855 - 1890)

- Binder yellows • Early prints semimatte
- Later prints glossier

Semi-Matte (1850s)



Semi-Gloss (1890s)



- No image deterioration
- Examples found in both color scales
- Semi-matte



Semi-Matte

#### **GELATIN SILVER** (1885-Present)

No baryta layer

Velvety Matte (with matting agents)

Semi-Gloss

**GELATIN POP** (1890 - 1910)

 Fading and discoloration of image is common Glossy



Glossy

## **COLLODION POP**

(1890 - 1910)

- Abrasion easily exposes baryta layer
- No image deterioration
- Interference colors
- Glossy



Glossy

## **GELATIN SILVER** (1885-Present)

- Silver mirroring
- Matting agents





Velvety Matte (with matting agents)



Glossy

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