Process ID Chart: **19th 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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