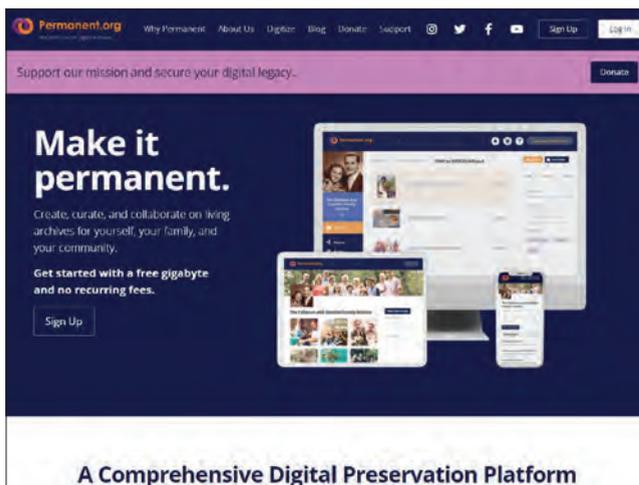




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Diane L. Richard says living archives for personal, family or community applications are worth the look

AS MORE AND MORE OF OUR GENEALOGICAL research ends up in a digital format, we consider how best to preserve and provide access to the documents, ephemera, photographs, and more we've accumulated, even after we are deceased. Increasingly, options like Permanent, <https://permanent.org>, have come into existence. Self-described as "Make it permanent. Create, curate, and collaborate on living archives for yourself, your family, and your community." Due to its non-profit status [though it needs to cover its costs], this seemed a good platform to explore as I consider how best to preserve my archives.



Before you get started, if you want to check this platform out, see what others are doing! Scroll down the main page to the "Introducing the Permanent Gallery" section, where you can "discover how others are curating their story with Permanent." I suggest checking out the Paxman-Moody Archive – it is a mix of documents, photographs, newspaper articles, transcriptions, and even animations created using the new MyHeritage technology!



Select sampling from the Permanent.org Gallery of how others curate their stories with Permanent. A great introduction to the potential of the platform.

Worried that all your hard work could be lost in the blink of an eye? Read about the Redundant Backups performed to ensure the existence of your archive(s), www.permanent.org/why-permanent. That said, it is always smart to maintain your own backup system (computer, hard drive, cloud-based, shared copies amongst family members, a donation to a physical archive, etc.) to truly ensure that with enough redundancy, your collected memories and information may truly be "permanent!"

It is as easy as registering to get started – you provide your name and email address and set a password. All accounts start with a free option, providing a gigabyte of storage and no recurring fees. Though this might sound like a lot of storage, when you consider digitized photos, video, documents, audio, and more, with how large the file sizes have become, the odds are that you will need to make a hopefully one-time purchase of more storage. The handy storage chart partway down this page, <https://permanent.org/why-permanent>, informs you of what size archive you might want to establish. If you need more than the 1 Gigabyte provided, there is "\$10 per gigabyte of storage [fee], as you need it. We invest your contributions into a nonprofit endowment that covers the perpetual cost of storage and supports a nonprofit organization