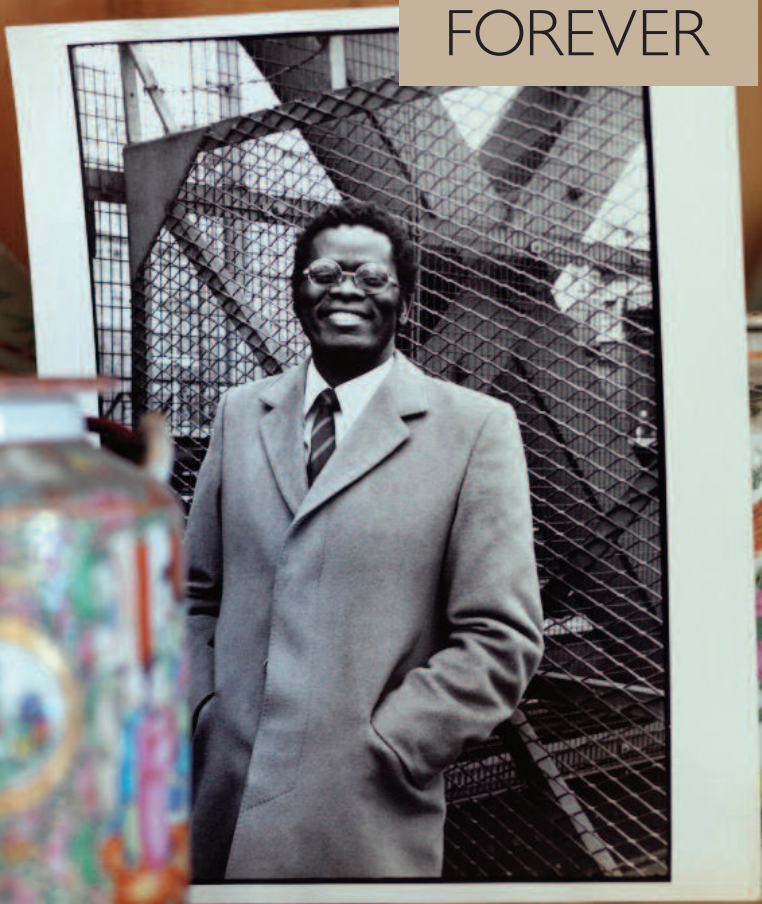




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Caring for photographs

Treasure yours forever with this handy guide

Have you noticed precious family photographs beginning to fade? Help preserve them with the following tips from the National Trust's photographic materials adviser:

- Try to avoid touching the front of photographs because the natural oils in your fingertips can leave permanent marks. Hold a photograph by its edges instead.
- Have copies of your most precious photographs made for display and store the originals in a cool, dark place or in an acid-free box.
- Avoid placing photographs in direct light, near heat sources or potentially dusty areas such as working fireplaces.
- Use glazed frames to display prints rather than keeping them out loose.
- Avoid using 'magnetic' albums with sticky pages intended to hold prints in place. The adhesives are a source of pollutants that will cause damage. Choose good quality albums with acid-free paper pages.
- To attach photographs, use photo-corners that are adhered only to the album page rather than those which are attached directly to the photographs.
- Remember to label photographs on their enclosures or on album pages so that future generations are able to identify and enjoy them!

For further advice consult the Trust's *Manual of Housekeeping* or a professional conservator via **www.conservationregister.com**

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