



ARCHIVE IQ REPORT

Prepared for

The Sample Family

About an hour of family film, from a first birthday on the lawn and two Christmas mornings to Yosemite's waterfalls and a school morning.

Tape Transfer Report · Job SAMPLE · September 2026 · 6 tapes

Sample report. The stills are frames from public-domain home movies (Clark Family Home Movies, Orange County Archives, digitized by the California Audiovisual Preservation Project). Order details are illustrative. We never publish customers' footage.



At a glance.

6

tapes transferred

65 min

of video

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duplicate transfers

6

VHS

6

tapes with no audio

2

tapes with black-and-white film

6

short recordings, reviewed start to end

2

tapes with very dark scenes

Reviewed by the Forever Studios team before release.

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Your tapes in pictures.

One frame from every tape. Click a picture to open that tape's page, with its full description and more stills. Your video files carry the same tape numbers.



01 VHS · 4:31

First birthday on the lawn and family portraits by the porch (black and white).



02 VHS · 8:48

A drive over the Golden Gate and Bay bridges, then two Christmases and a birthday cake.



03 VHS · 8:32

Christmas tree lights, horseback riding on a ranch, a park picnic and a backyard hose.



04 VHS · 11:51

A zoo visit (black and white), front-yard baseball, and Easter on the front porch.



05 VHS · 17:45

Yosemite: wading in the river, a deer, waterfalls and giant trees.



06 VHS · 13:34

Deep-sea fishing, a creek in the redwoods, a puppy, a school morning and youth football.

What we found.

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SUMMARY

6 videotapes from this order were transferred and checked. Every file plays. All six are VHS copies of family home movies originally shot on 8mm and Super 8 film, so none of them carries sound. Tape 01 and part of tape 04 are black-and-white film. Runtimes run from about four and a half minutes to a little under eighteen minutes.

DUPLICATES

No duplicate transfers.

None of the 6 files is a second transfer of the same cassette. Tapes 02 and 03 both include Christmas at home, but they are different Christmases on different tapes.

PICTURE QUALITY

What you will see on playback is the look of the original home movie film, copied to tape, not a transfer defect:

- All six tapes are copies of 8mm and Super 8 film, so expect film grain, flicker, dust and the occasional light leak at the start or end of a reel.
- Tape 01 and the zoo visit on tape 04 are black-and-white film.
- The Christmas scenes on tape 03 and the start of the Easter footage on tape 04 are very dark. They were filmed in low light.
- The later reels on tape 06 show faded color, most of all the youth football game. That fading is on the film.
- Each reel starts and ends with a few seconds of blank film leader, which is left in place.
- All six tapes are short recordings, reviewed start-to-end to verify.

SOUND QUALITY

None of the six tapes carries program sound. The original home movies were silent film, so the silence is on the recordings, not a missing soundtrack.

The index.

Every tape in this order. In the PDF, click a tape number to open its page.

TAPE	RUNTIME	FORMAT	WHAT IS ON IT
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06	13:34	VHS	Deep-sea fishing, a creek in the redwoods, a puppy, a school morning and youth football.

T A P E

01

VHS

4:31 runtime

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Black and white film No audio Short recording

WHAT IS ON THIS TAPE

Black-and-white home movie of a first birthday on a lawn beside a white clapboard house. Small children sit on blankets around a picnic spread while older girls in hair bows help. A baby boy in a white romper is held up for the camera. The adults line up by the porch for group portraits, holding the babies, and the reel ends at the birthday table with cake plates and a boy grinning at the camera.

STILLS IN ORDER THROUGH THE TAPE · 12



01



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04



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07



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T A P E

02

VHS

8:48 runtime

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No audio

Short recording

WHAT IS ON THIS TAPE

Color film from a drive around San Francisco: across the Golden Gate Bridge, down a city street lined with lamp posts, and over the Bay Bridge. Then Christmas at home: a tinsel-covered tree, a toy train on the living room floor, a toddler in overalls laughing among his presents, and a baby on a bed. Another Christmas follows with stuffed animals and a doll under the tree, a toddler in a plaid shirt exploring his toys, children lined up on a sofa in their best clothes, a girl in a white bonnet, and a birthday cake with candles.

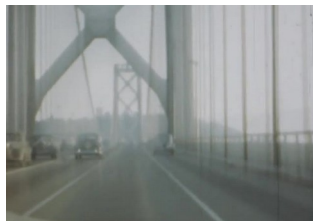
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T A P E

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VHS

8:32 runtime

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Dark scenes

No audio

Short recording

WHAT IS ON THIS TAPE

A dark Christmas room lit by a tree full of colored lights, with a toddler in a pink outfit. The tape moves outdoors to a ranch on a dirt road: a girl riding a horse, a saddled pair of horses beside a parked car, a hound, a man in a hat on horseback, and children riding in a line down the road. The second half is a park picnic, with boys on a swing and a long table of relatives eating, then a girl in a white party dress, family posed on a front lawn, and small children splashing on a wet patio while a man runs the hose.

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T A P E

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VHS

11:51 runtime

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Black and white film Dark scenes No audio Short recording

WHAT IS ON THIS TAPE

A black-and-white zoo visit: an elephant, a zebra, sea lions racing through a pool and swans on the lawn, then a child in a cowboy hat posing on a pony for a street photographer. The tape switches to color for a front-yard baseball game, a toddler in a white T-shirt on the grass, and a couple holding a baby. It ends on Easter: the family dressed up on the front porch, a girl in a white dress beside a blue sedan, a girl in a straw hat, and a teenager in a navy dress. The Easter footage opens in near darkness.

STILLS IN ORDER THROUGH THE TAPE · 12



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T A P E

05

VHS

17:45 runtime

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No audio Short recording

WHAT IS ON THIS TAPE

A family trip to Yosemite. A boy in a blue jacket plays in the leaves, children wade in a clear river, and a deer grazes near the parked cars. Then the waterfalls: close up with spray and a rainbow in the mist, and from a distance over the forest. A boy grins on a granite ledge, visitors look out from a cliff, two boys and a woman stand at the base of a giant tree, a car rolls past a huge trunk, and the tape ends with a swim by the rocks.

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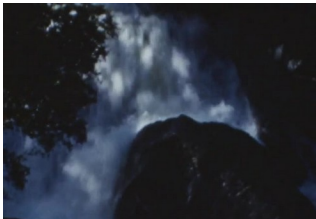
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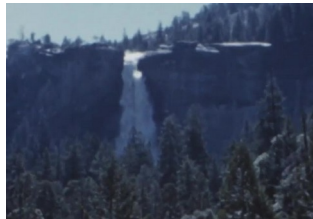
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T A P E

06

VHS

13:34 runtime

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Faded color No audio Short recording

WHAT IS ON THIS TAPE

Several later reels on one tape. A deep-sea fishing trip: men with rods along the rail and a large fish landed on deck. At home, a toddler crawls across the lawn and children play with a beagle. A walk in the redwoods follows, with a boy in a blue sweater, a father and son fishing from the rocks by a creek, and someone floating downstream on an air mattress. Then children chase a puppy around a backyard at dusk, a girl in a red dress heads out the front door on a school morning, and a youth football game plays out in red and black jerseys.

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About this report.

HOW IT WAS MADE

Archive IQ is indexing software Forever Studios built in-house. It reads every transferred file, pulls stills from across each tape, and drafts this report from the files and the notes our technicians made during capture. A member of our team read it before it was sent to you.

Separately from Archive IQ, every tape in your order was checked by hand five times before release.

PLEASE NOTE

Note: Analog wear and environmental factors may result in tracking and playback issues. Color (chroma) signal loss, color-hue discrepancies, tape quality variations, test bars, and unused (blue tape) are properties of original video cassettes and analog recording devices. This is a summary and does not detail all tape and project information reviewed.

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