

# Mysteries Solved



You're doing some Spring Cleaning and you come across something you didn't know you were storing. It may be an unmarked videotape. Or a reel of film that has no label on it. It could be some audio recordings you don't remember ever making.

Whatever the case, in almost every home, in almost every state, there is some unmarked, unlabelled piece of media that can't be viewed or heard because the equipment to play it no longer functions. No one alive knows what is on it and the current owners can't play it to find out. But they just can't bring themselves to throw it away because of what it might contain. So they continue to hold onto it. Move after move. Generation after generation.

We are happy to say we can convert such items to a digital form so our clients can view what up to that point was un-viewable. We recently converted some unlabeled 16mm film and delivered to our client footage of his parent's honeymoon vacation from the 1950s. Something he had never seen before.

On the other hand, we salvaged some badly damaged film from the 1920s for a client who had no clue as to what it contained. After we cleaned it up some and converted it, we played it back to find that what we had captured was some silent movie footage (Harold Lloyd I think) as well as some silent video cartoons of that era. (Anyone remember Dick Tracy?) I was expecting the client to be upset that the film did not contain footage of his family. Instead he expressed his gratitude for delivering to him the footage that contained his grandfather's great passion for the arts of his time.

I suppose the point is, we all have these mysteries caused by obsolete media that we keep stored in boxes or closets. We can't bring ourselves to throw them away but we can't watch or enjoy them either. Home Video Studio is the solution. We take the old media and transfer it to a format that can be played on today's equipment. Who knows what is contained on those old unlabelled tapes or film taking up space in our homes? It could be nothing... It could mean everything. We can help you find out.

*Michael Ondrasik and Home Video Studio specialize in the preservation of family memories through the digitalization of film, videotapes, audio recordings, photos, negatives, and slides. For more information, call 352-735-8550 or visit our [website](#).*