

## What can a picture tell us?



For grades 3-5

The Pennypacker family photograph above was taken by Meynen & Co., Philadelphia in 1890. It is a silver gelatin image. An advertisement lists the business as Artists and Photographers on the S. W. Cor' Franklin & Green Sts., Philada.

Look at the Pennypacker family portrait and information above and see if you can identify the following information about the family ?

1. Where was this picture taken? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What type of clothing are they wearing? Is it plain or fancy? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Samuel Pennypacker felt education was important. What clue can you find that shows that he cared about reading? \_\_\_\_\_
4. How many boys and girls are there in this family? \_\_\_\_\_
5. While many posed photographs in this time period showed little emotion, this photograph shows a happy family. What clues can you identify that they are happy? \_\_\_\_\_

**Interesting to know:** The Pennypacker children led interesting lives! While many families could not afford to educate their children and sent them to work, the Pennypackers had the money to send their children for academic educations. Their son Bevan (center) went to the University of Pennsylvania and became a lawyer, their daughter Josephine (on the left) received private music & art lessons as women were not yet accepted in those schools, Anna Maria & Eliza (both standing on the right) graduated from Bryn Mawr College. Anna became a Registered Nurse & suffragette while Eliza became an Occupational Therapist, poet & President of the Schwenksville Women's Club.



Historic Pennypacker Mills  
<https://www.montcopa.org/pennypackermills>  
610-287-9349 pennypackermills@montcopa.org