

# Preservation and Care of Philatelic Materials

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Some documents, such as fragile papers, newspaper clippings, and other paper valuables, are often best preserved when encapsulated. Most collectors include memorabilia to augment a special event in the collection. Encapsulation will likely appeal to such collectors. Newspaper clippings are examples of documents whose inherent impermanence may make expensive, time consuming treatment impractical. Newsprint is highly acidic and can be deacidified by using Wei T'o solutions. The newspaper clipping can be encapsulated between two sheets of Mylar film and sealed with tape. The only tape recommended is 3M's *Double-coated Film Tape #415*. Be certain that the tape is no closer than 1/8 inch from the document. Again, we warn you never to use cellulose or cellophane "Scotch" tape or masking tape. The adhesives used with these tapes is very corrosive. They leave a residue on whatever they come in contact with and are not reversible. Be certain that Mylar sheet or film is used in the encapsulation process. Art shops and some picture-framing stores can usually help you with the technique of encapsulation and the materials required for the process.