

Cabinet Card Checklist

This table recaps the clues and checks the years each clue can most frequently be found. Note: Some photographers may have used a technique or material well after others ceased.

Cabinet Card Clue	1870	'72	'74	'76	'78	'80	'82	'84	'86	'88	'90	'92	'94	'96	'98	1900
Card Edges																
Plain cut	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Beveled								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Uneven Scalloped									✓	✓	✓	✓				
Even Scalloped													✓	✓	✓	✓
Borders & Emboss																
No Borders	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Single Thin Line								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Thick Gilt Border		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓									
Single Line Below Print								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Fine Border Embossing													✓	✓	✓	✓
Card Color																
Natural Finish	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Coated Front & Back										✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pastels										✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Maroon, Green, Black									✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Front Imprint																
Small Plain Text	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Cursive, Larger Text								✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Centered Monogram										✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Foil Stamped											✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Embossed													✓	✓	✓	✓
Back Imprint																
Covers Half of Back		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
Covers Entire Card									✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Paper Process																
Albumen (Sepia)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Collodion (Rich Hue*)									✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Gelatin (Rich Hue*)									✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Matte Collodion (BW**)													✓	✓	✓	✓
Special Effects																
Trompe l'oeil										✓	✓	✓	✓			
Pressed Image													✓	✓	✓	✓
<p>* Rich Hues include reddish/brown and blueish/purple ** BW: Near neutral black and white with great range of tones.</p>																