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Unknown photographer [Man and woman in hats holding hands and smiling], 1966–1976

colour instant print [Polaroid Type 108]

2018/159

Unknown photographer

Johnnie Married [Man with one foot on bed and one arm raised], 1970 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 108]

2018/3516

Unknown photographer

[Girl in dress smiling with hands clasped outside], 1970s

colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]

2018/88

Unknown photographer

[Three adults and two children posing together inside home], 1978

colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]

2018/697

Unknown photographer

To: Patrick, Love + Luck in the future, Love Rufus [Man with moustache smiling in wood

panelled room], December 8, 1984

colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]

2018/99

Unknown photographer

[Woman standing beside man at a bar, her hand is on his shoulder], 1990

colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]

2018/2876

Unknown photographer

[Man and woman sitting at table, his arm around her waist], 1963–1970

colour instant print [Polaroid Type 108]

2018/890

Unknown photographer

[Woman and girl sitting on brown couch], 1977

Unknown photographer Bon temps [Man sitting on cot], 1962 black and white instant print [Polaroid Type 47] 2018/2216

Unknown photographer

Mr. Money Monroe & Gerald Scearg at Neto & Fatema's [Two men with hands on hips], 1977

colour instant print [Polaroid Type 88] 2018/107

Unknown photographer

Good things come to those who wait [Man in sunglasses leaning on TV set], 1963–1970 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 48] 2018/797

Unknown photographer [Man in striped pants standing in front of crowd], 1970 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 108] 2018/789

Unknown photographer Sam's World [Woman holding toddler in classroom], May 26, 1999 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/1706

Unknown photographer [Man sitting on couch with two babies on lap], 1982–1992 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600] 2018/135

Unknown photographer [Woman leaning on bed beside child holding bottle], 1970s–1980s colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/69

Unknown photographer [Woman in gloves and shiny dress striking a pose], 1960 black and white instant print [Polaroid Type 47] 2018/2694

Unknown photographer

[Two women dressed up and sitting inside by houseplants], 1982–1992

colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600] 2018/1679

Unknown photographer

Johnny [Boy posing with one arm raised, man sitting on the left], 1972 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 108] 2018/3486

Unknown photographer Big Billy out Christmas Morning [Man sleeping], 1979 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/85

Unknown photographer

6-2-78 [Young man in suit standing in doorway, touching his hair], 1978 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/2581

Unknown photographer

[Man outside in white suit, smiling with his hands on his hip], 1979 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/889

Unknown photographer

[Two men standing, wearing suits and glasses], 1984–1994 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600] 2018/80

Unknown photographer Ethel Willie, Margarett [Back of photograph], 1976 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 108] 2018/1920

Unknown photographer

[Woman smiling and standing by a man on the phone], 1970–1980 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 108] 2018/2642

Unknown photographer

[Man in yellow t-shirt lying on bed, resting his head on his hand], 1984–1994 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600] 2018/2893

Unknown photographer

6-3-78 [Shirtless man laying on bed with newspaper], 1978 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]

Unknown photographer [Group of men standing in a semi-circle], 1976–1985 colour instant print [Kodak] 2018/3035

Unknown photographer [Bride and groom standing together outside], 1982–1992 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/486

Unknown photographer

[Two women in colourful hats standing in front of mirror], 1963–1970 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 108] 2018/871

Unknown photographer

Solomon Jones (Papa) [Older man in fedora, glasses, and red tie standing in wallpapered room], 1978 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/3437

Unknown photographer

Maggie Jones (Mama Veal) [Woman sitting in colourful bedroom], 1978 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/2317

Unknown photographer [Woman in pink sweater], 1984–1994 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600] 2018/1725

Unknown photographer [Man at a dining table beside a pink balloon], 1980–1990 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600] 2018/1677

Unknown photographer

[Elderly man sitting beside woman and children, at table with cake], 1981–1991 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600] 2018/2734

Unknown photographer

[Woman in bedazzled leather jacket standing with her hands together], 1980s colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]

Unknown photographer

JD & Jay eating meat sticks, 9 mos old [Back of photograph], January 6, 1980 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/2509

Unknown photographer

Dorothy & Loraine [Two women dressed up and standing outside], 1983–1993 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/858

Unknown photographer

[Three women and girl sitting on couch, woman on left in pink hat], 1986-1996 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600] 2018/2980

Unknown photographer

Napoleon & Edra with Pee Wee [Dressed up man and woman, man holding dog], January 25, 1970 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 108] 2018/1968

Unknown photographer

[Two women smiling, in car at night], 1982–1992 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600] 2018/2572

Unknown photographer

[Woman leaning against a man in white hat, car behind them], 1973 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 108] 2018/2151

Unknown photographer

Pamela & Mauricée Noel, Age 4 Months [Woman in straw hat holding baby outside], 1976

colour instant print [Polaroid Type 108] 2018/770

Unknown photographer

Clarence Bell [Man in chair wearing a paper hat], 1980–1990 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/51

Unknown photographer

[Little girl sleeping on a pillow on the floor, book open on her lap], 1986-1996

colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600] 2018/776

Unknown photographer

[Little girl opening presents on living room floor], 1984–1994 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600] 2018/739

Unknown photographer

[Man holding a cigar with arm around woman wearing purple], 1989 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/795

Unknown photographer

Happy Birthday Christopher, Age: 3, with Cornelius (brother) Age: 9 [Two boys wearing sports jerseys, standing behind cake], December 21, 2004 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600] 2018/3430

Unknown photographer

[Toddler sitting on pink plush animal in living room], 1988 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600] 2018/2188

Unknown photographer

[Woman holding newborn in front of balloons], 1984–1994 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600] 2018/1286

Unknown photographer

[Group posing in and around car, colourful balloons floating above], 1985–1995 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/812

Unknown photographer

[Woman in striped dress reclining on floor], 1980–1990 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 779] 2018/383

Unknown photographer

[Man and woman sitting on stoop with five children in baseball uniforms], 1976–1985 colour instant print [Kodak] 2018/2244

Unknown photographer

Happy New Years Mr & Mrs Dumas! [Man with cigar leaning back on woman in yellow sweater], 2001 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600] 2018/3455

Unknown photographer [Boy in dress shirt by doorway], 1987–1997 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600] 2018/2068

Unknown photographer [Twin boys smiling with their arms around each other], 1980–1990 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/2316

Unknown photographer [Children playing outside on paved patio], 1980–1990 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600] 2018/2241

Unknown photographer [Children lined up outside by wall, standing tallest to shortest], 1983–1993 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600] 2018/2258

Unknown photographer
Poppy and Poppie [Boy kneeling, little girl standing with her arm around him], February
2000
colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]
2018/2295

Unknown photographer [Woman wearing large straw hat], 1981–1991 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/640

Unknown photographer [Three women standing in doorway], 1978 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/247

Unknown photographer [Two women dressed up and posing by tree], 1978 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/118

Unknown photographer

[Group posing around a patio table with an umbrella], 1975 colour instant print [Polaroid SX–70] 2018/1654

Unknown photographer

[Man with moustache crouching and hugging twin boys in front of Christmas tree], 1980–1990 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/2576

Unknown photographer

[Four children and woman in bright blue dress holding a baby], 1988 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600] 2018/2255

Unknown photographer

[Two women and three children sitting together in kitchen], 1988–1992 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600] 2018/274

Unknown photographer

New Years [Woman standing inside by a framed collage], 1984 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600] 2018/783

Unknown photographer

10.27.01 [Man crouching beside boy in Batman mask], 2001 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600] 2018/753

Unknown photographer

[Group of children wearing McDonald's paper hats], 1980–1990 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 779] 2018/109

Unknown photographer

[Three children standing on stage in white graduation gowns and caps], 1988 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600] 2018/762

Unknown photographer

[Man, woman and child standing in front of house], 1970–1980 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 108] 2018/677

Unknown photographer

[Two men sitting on trunk of car in parking lot by park], 1979

Unknown photographer [Man smiling in headphones with microphone], 1976 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 88] 2018/39

Unknown photographer

[Woman in pink jacket laughing with man in blue jacket holding can], 1977 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/3473

Unknown photographer

[Little girl smiling, woman sitting on couch behind], 1988 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600] 2018/3483

Unknown photographer [Looking at Polaroids], 1980 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/1113

Unknown photographer
Otha and Pam, Herman, F

Otha and Pam, Herman, Desiree [Two couples posing], December 28, 1975 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/763

Unknown photographer [Woman and two children by car], 1970s–1990s colour instant print [Polaroid] 2018/53

Unknown photographer

Sharon, My Homegirl, 60s [Young woman crouching down by garden gate], 1988 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/1801

Unknown photographer [Man in suit and red tie posing by store counter], 1988 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600] 2018/512

Unknown photographer

[Man and woman standing together and smiling in front of store display], 1988 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/465

Unknown photographer [Group of young adults smiling and sitting together in the sun], 1980 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]

2018/884

Unknown photographer

Foster III, Foster IV [Shirtless man on couch reaching toward shirtless boy], 1978 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/2585

Unknown photographer

Domnique, Foster [Man in brown hat sitting, holding toddler], November 18, 1978 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/2587

Unknown photographer [Man lying on bed with two children], 1979 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/2586

Unknown photographer [Four men in celebratory pose], 1995–2005 colour instant print [Polaroid Spectra] 2018/63

Unknown photographer [Man lying down with dog in wood panelled room], 1983–1993 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600] 2018/2891

Unknown photographer

[Girl standing in living room, next to large colourful exercise ball], 1963–1970 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 108] 2018/2646

Unknown photographer Player's Choice [Group of people posing inside at a party], 1979 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 108] 2018/1300

Unknown photographer

[Young man in Batman t-shirt and gold accessories leaning against table], 1989 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 108] 2018/1871

Unknown photographer [Man holding electric guitar outside by bleachers], 1984–1994 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/647

Unknown photographer [Man crouching on grass and playing guitar], 1984–1994 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/1746

Unknown photographer

Lafaye and Carlo Campbell with Jay [Two women, one with toddler on her lap, against striped wallpaper], 1980s colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/78

Unknown photographer

Sebastian Virgil, Kyla Amonette, Namaste Tara, Cousins to Kyla [Three children sitting on plaid couch], December 30, 1987 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600] 2018/3431

Unknown photographer

8-26-84 [Group of children posing together outside, three in red wagon], 1984 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/2037

Unknown photographer 8-26-84 [Two women sharing patio chair with a baby], 1984 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/2278

Unknown photographer
Eating out of cake bowl [Little girl dipping finger in cake batter], 1990
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]
2018/2067

Unknown photographer 7-6-80 [Two men in room full of plants], 1980 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/3456

Unknown photographer [Crying child sitting with another child on bookshelf], 1981–1991 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600] 2018/2197

Unknown photographer [Group of six posing, three women in flashy leotards], 1985–1995 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/2609

Unknown photographer

[Five men and a woman posing in front of red backdrop], 1996–2006 colour instant print [Polaroid Spectra] 2018/2230

Unknown photographer

[Woman in white sitting at bar with drink and plate of food], 1980–1990 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600] 2018/2704

Unknown photographer [Girl holding plush panda above man's head], 1985–1995 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/2569

Unknown photographer

[Woman on couch looking at photos, woman stretching on floor beside her], 1981–1991 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600] 2018/2430

Unknown photographer

[Man and woman, dressed up, standing in wood panelled room], 1978 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 108] 2018/879

Unknown photographer

[Blonde woman in sunglasses cooking with young woman at kitchen counter], 1989 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600] 2018/3465

Unknown photographer [Group of six people sitting at a bar], 1966 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 108] 2018/796

Unknown photographer [Boy holding up a plate and cup in parking lot], 1988 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600] 2018/2441

Unknown photographer

12-79 [Little boy smiling between two women in booth], 1979

Unknown photographer

[Shirtless man in sunglasses, sitting inside on chair], October 1989 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/2589

Unknown photographer

[Three men and two women sitting at a diner], 1979 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/81

Unknown photographer

[Woman sitting with child in cowboy boots], 1985–1995 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600] 2018/246

Unknown photographer

[Three women sitting together, each with a baby in their lap], 1985–1995 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600] 2018/2322

Unknown photographer

To: Mrs. T, From: Prince [Man holding trumpet inside living room], 1963–1970 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 108] 2018/755

Unknown photographer

[Four little girls sitting at kids table drinking out of bottles], 1982–1992 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600] 2018/1443

Unknown photographer

[Two women sitting on bed smiling], 1990 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600] 2018/2566

Unknown photographer

[Man wearing red and white cap sitting inside smiling], 1985–1995 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/2537

Unknown photographer

[Boy holding baby beside two girls in dresses, standing in driveway], 1988 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]

Unknown photographer [Three women in group hug joking around], 1976–1985 colour instant print [Kodak] 2018/2073

Unknown photographer

[Young woman sitting in armchair, two men standing behind her], 1980–1990 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/1646

Unknown photographer

[Two women standing outside with a toddler standing between them], 1987–1997 colour instant print [Polaroid Spectra] 2018/2057

Unknown photographer

[Woman in polka dot dress standing outside by garden], 1975 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/2468

Unknown photographer

[Woman in white hat in front of "Kodak Instant Camera" poster], June 2 1979 colour instant print [Kodak] 2018/1823

Unknown photographer

[Woman in striped sweatshirt sitting and holding toddler], 1987–1997 colour instant print [Polaroid Spectra] 2018/2053

Unknown photographer [Woman in red laughing], 1998 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600] 2018/810

Unknown photographer

[Woman in red crouching down and posing with three boys], 1976–1985 colour instant print [Kodak] 2018/2250

Unknown photographer

[Woman in white sweatshirt smiling and holding baby], 1986–1996 colour instant print [Polaroid Spectra] 2018/2052

Unknown photographer [Man curled up against woman on couch], 1976–1985 colour instant print [Kodak] 2018/1483

Unknown photographer [Man on the ground holding baby in red room], 1977 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/679

Unknown photographer [Woman in red scarf and red gloves sitting on wicker chair], 1982–1992 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/1211

Unknown photographer Renila & Anthony, Georgetown, Was DC. 2:00AM, Family Reunion [Woman and man standing and smiling], March 1990 colour instant print [Polaroid Spectra] 2018/1373

Unknown photographer [Woman with long red nails resting her chin on her hand], 1986–1996 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600] 2018/3512

Unknown photographer [Child smiling with one arm raised, sitting in living room], 1981–1991 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/1709

Unknown photographer
Laura, Leggy - Dean - Ma Ann - JC - Mildred - Willame [Group of people posing together in front of house], 1985–1995
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]
2018/882

Unknown photographer [Man standing beside woman in wicker chair in red room], 1967–1977 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 108] 2018/2667

Unknown photographer [Woman in red dress sitting on grass], 1976–1985 colour instant print [Kodak]

Unknown photographer [Woman in red dress and white hat sitting on grass], 1976–1985 colour instant print [Kodak] 2018/2126

Unknown photographer

[Group of three posing together in red room with party streamers], 1980–1997 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/2085

Unknown photographer

[Man in open blue jacket leaning forward with his eyes closed], 1983–1993 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/2883

Unknown photographer

[Girl in red and white striped dress standing by Christmas tree], 1986–1996 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600] 2018/315

Unknown photographer

[Two girls and a boy dressed up and standing by car in front of house], 1950s chromogenic print on Kodak paper 2018/2647

Unknown photographer

[Two women dressed up and standing outside door], 1984–1994 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600] 2018/2725

Unknown photographer

[Girl standing by fireplace, holding doll and wearing one roller skate], 1987–1997 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/2417

Unknown photographer

[Man and two women posing in front of graffiti wall], 1984–1994 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/1271

Unknown photographer

[Two women fist bumping in front of graffiti wall], 1984–1994 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/894

Unknown photographer [Woman in red outfit posing by green car], 1976–1985 colour instant print [Kodak] 2018/604

Unknown photographer

Mom + Aunt Jean + Renila [Three women posing together on the grass], 1983–1993 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600] 2018/96

Unknown photographer

[Man lying on floor with boy sitting crossed legged, looking at presents], 1981–1991 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600] 2018/2732

Unknown photographer

[Two children making "Peace" signs, money bills attached to their outfits], 1982–1992 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600] 2018/2810

Unknown photographer

[Group of young adults sitting around picnic table under umbrella], 1980–1990 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/2492

Unknown photographer

[A man and two women each sitting in a wicker chair], 1983 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 108] 2018/2623

Unknown photographer

[Woman holding boy on roof of car], 1986–1996 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/806

Unknown photographer

[Man in baseball cap with arm around woman, sitting on red bus seats], 1983–1993 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600] 2018/3469

Unknown photographer

Tykisha, age 9 + Tashalay, age 7 [Two girls posing by red car], 1987 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/142

Unknown photographer Eleanor & J.D., Tuesday Morning [Back of photograph], April 30, 1991 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600] 2018/2516

Unknown photographer [Three people in front of red curtain], 1976 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/773

Unknown photographer [Woman leaning on couch cushion], 1986–1996 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/2899

Unknown photographer [Man in red tank top leaning against yellow truck], 1985 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/2803

Unknown photographer [Close-up of laughing toddler in red shirt with stripes], 1980 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/2910

Unknown photographer [Girl crouching down and holding up two toddlers], 1980 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/1448

Unknown photographer Chillin On The Beach, Santa Monica [Couple on beach blanket], April 17, 2005 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600] 2018/771

Unknown photographer [Sports teams posing together on court, wearing matching jerseys], 1981–1991 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/2247

Unknown photographer [Baby in colourful onesie lying in baby chair on bed], 1960s–1990s colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/2072

Unknown photographer

[Group standing together outside, underneath a tree], 1976–1985 colour instant print [Kodak] 2018/1881

Unknown photographer [Five people gathered in front of white Christmas tree], 1981–1997 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600] 2018/815

Unknown photographer [Man in party hat holding camera], 1990–2000 colour instant print [Polaroid Spectra] 2018/110

Unknown photographer Kelcye, Age 8 [Girl in oversized red t-shirt], 1997–2008 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600] 2018/161

Unknown photographer [Two women in the sunlight], 2001 colour instant print [Polaroid Captiva] 2018/2011

Unknown photographer [Boy on bicycle near red car], 1960s–1990s colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/2189

Unknown photographer [Man posing with red bicycle in driveway], 2000 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600] 2018/121

Unknown photographer [Two young men on roller skates], 1981–1991 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/819

2018/768

Unknown photographer Red, Roland, Buz, James [Four men standing outside in front of building], 1973 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 108]

Unknown photographer [Woman in LA Watts t-shirt standing on lawn], 1981–1991

Unknown photographer [Boy in red t-shirt standing leaning against brick wall], 2000 colour instant print [Polaroid Spectra] 2018/854

Unknown photographer [Man on beanbag chair with three woman standing], 1979 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/638

Unknown photographer [Woman with arms outstretched in front of car], 1976–1985 colour instant print [Kodak] 2018/3525

Unknown photographer [Three children posing with fists stacked], 1978 colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70] 2018/1348

Unknown photographer Georgia UT'S [Nine men posing together outside in front of building], 1973 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 108] 2018/784

Unknown photographer [Woman holding baby and a bottle, standing beside girl], 1982–1992 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600] 2018/2496

Unknown photographer [Little girl in red graduation cap and gown beside little boy], 1982–1992 colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600] 2018/777