

HANDLING AND CARE OF YOUR WABASH COLLEGE SHEEPSKIN DIPLOMA

Documents, certificates and diplomas, especially in the case of sheepskin, should be treated as a fine art original would be, using conservation quality backing board and mounting materials that are acid-free, lignin-free, and reversible.

Framing

In framing a sheepskin document, it is important that a conservation-quality window mat be used to keep the edges of the skin from curling up and touching the glass. If the document is allowed to be in direct contact with the glass, humidity can cause it to stick to the glass and create irreparable damage.

Selecting a Frame

The Wabash College Bookstore sells Church Hill Classics frames that meet the stringent Library of Congress standards for document preservation. Visit them online at www.diplomaframe.com.

Framing Advice

If in doubt with regards to framing a sheepskin or parchment diploma, seek the advice of a Certified Picture Framer with the CPF designation through the Professional Picture Framers Association. For more information about the PPFA or to locate a qualified framer, visit: http://www.pmai.org/index.cfm/ci_id/33311/la_id/1.htm. In the event you have a sheepskin that needs repair or cleaning, consult a conservator who specializes in this field. To locate a conservator in your area, call the AIC (American Institute for Conservation) in Washington, DC at 202-452-9545 or visit <http://aic.stanford.edu/public/select.html>

Wabash College does not assume responsibility for the framing process or results.