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Can you imagine a time when you wouldn't be able to take out your phone, snap a picture and text it to your friends? Before the Internet, anyone that wanted to take a picture would have to either buy an expensive camera or go to a photo studio. Taking pictures was expensive and not everyone had enough money to do it.

The photo I submitted shows my mom's side of the family. These include my mom, my grandparents, my great-grandparents, and my aunt and uncle.

My grandpa worked as a farmer and they couldn't afford a camera. So whenever there was an important event, they would go to the professional photo studio. It was a big deal because taking a picture was costly.

This picture was taken right before my great-grandparents left for the United States. This was an important event because it would be the last time the whole family would take a picture together. When this was taken, they didn't know if they would see each other again.

Today, my family loves taking pictures whenever we go on a trip or if it's a special event. Now, my family is remote from the rest of our family. We really can't spend as much time as we want to. But with our devices, we can stay connected to them by taking pictures and videos that we can share immediately.

Overall, it is crucial to capture all the special memories so we can look back and remember what happened in the past. We also always have to stick as a family. My parents made the right choice to come to California even if it meant being far away from families. If they didn't make that choice, my brother and I wouldn't be able to be in this great community!

