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The new, free to download, Historypin Smartphone app allows you to immerse yourself in the history of your neighbourhood and add a piece of your own history.

Through the app, you can…

Explore the Historypin map
The Historypin map has 1000s of images and stories pinned to it and the app allows you to browse this by date and location, using your location to find the nearest content, or exploring remotely.

Explore the streets
Holding your phone up to the street, the app uses your camera view to display nearby images. By selecting the image, it can be overlaid onto the modern view to create an amazing historical comparison, which you can toggle or fade between.

Read stories and recollections
Just as users from all over the world have uploaded images to the Historypin map, many more have shared stories and recollections, which can all be enjoyed through the app.

Capture a modern moment of history
Images taken with the app are immediately pinned to the Historypin map, with captions and stories added. Images can also be added from your phone albums. From presidential inaugurations to royal weddings, the app will give everyone the chance to contribute to historical moments in a meaningful way.

Digitise an old photo
You can take photos of old pictures as an easy alternative to scanning them, then add photo details and pin them directly to the Historypin map.

Take modern equivalents of old classics
When exploring historic content, you can photograph exact contemporary replicas, putting an enjoyable, informative content comparison onto the map and, over time, provide a way of flipping through the ages in one location.

Browse Collections
From anywhere, you can to explore Collections from Historypin.com, covering different themes, events and eras around the world.

Shake history up
One simple shake of the app brings up a random piece of content from anywhere in the world and anytime in the last two hundred years.
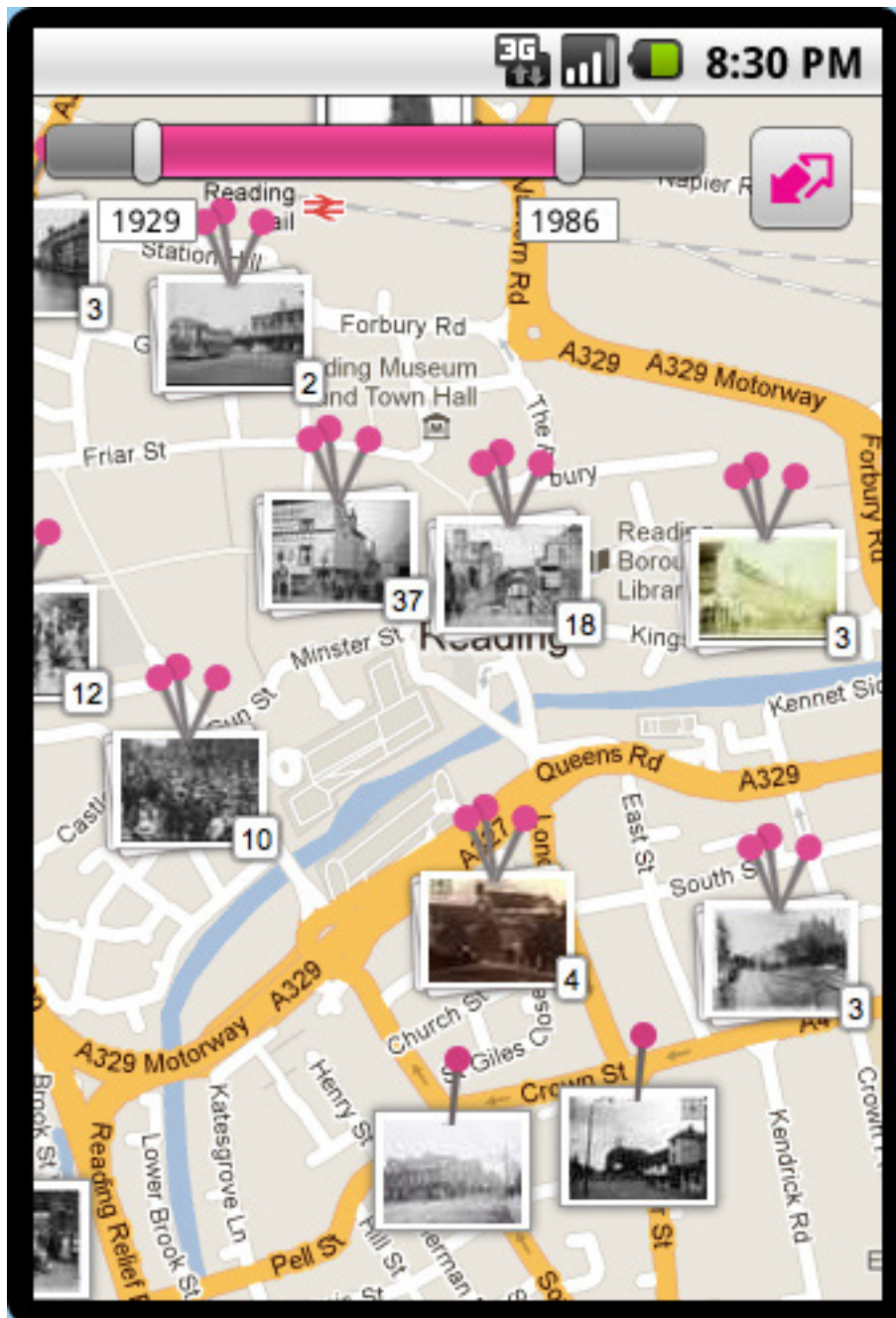
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Splash page

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Home

Explore Location
Find old photos near you or
explore the map of the world

Post a Photo
Capture a modern moment of
history, digitise an old photo
or upload from your library

Explore the Collections
See themed collections of
some of the best content

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Explore the Streets - Camera Mode

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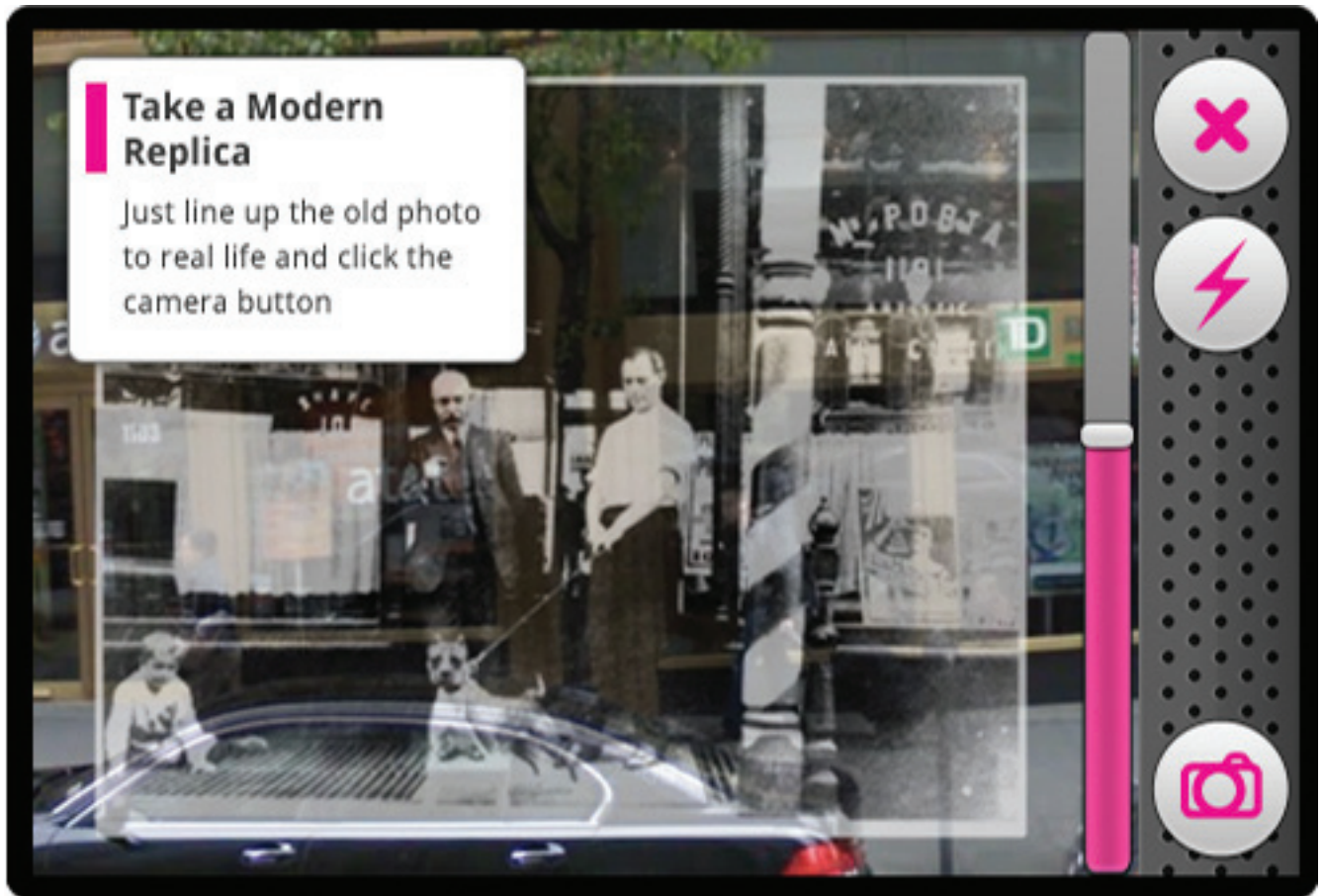
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Overlay with modern Street View

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Post a photo

Capture a modern moment
Take a photo of an historic moment happening right now

Digitise an old photo
Take a snap of an old print to pin to the map

Upload from your library
Pick a photo already on your phone to pin to the map

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Take a modern replica

Take a Modern Replica

Just line up the old photo to real life and click the camera button

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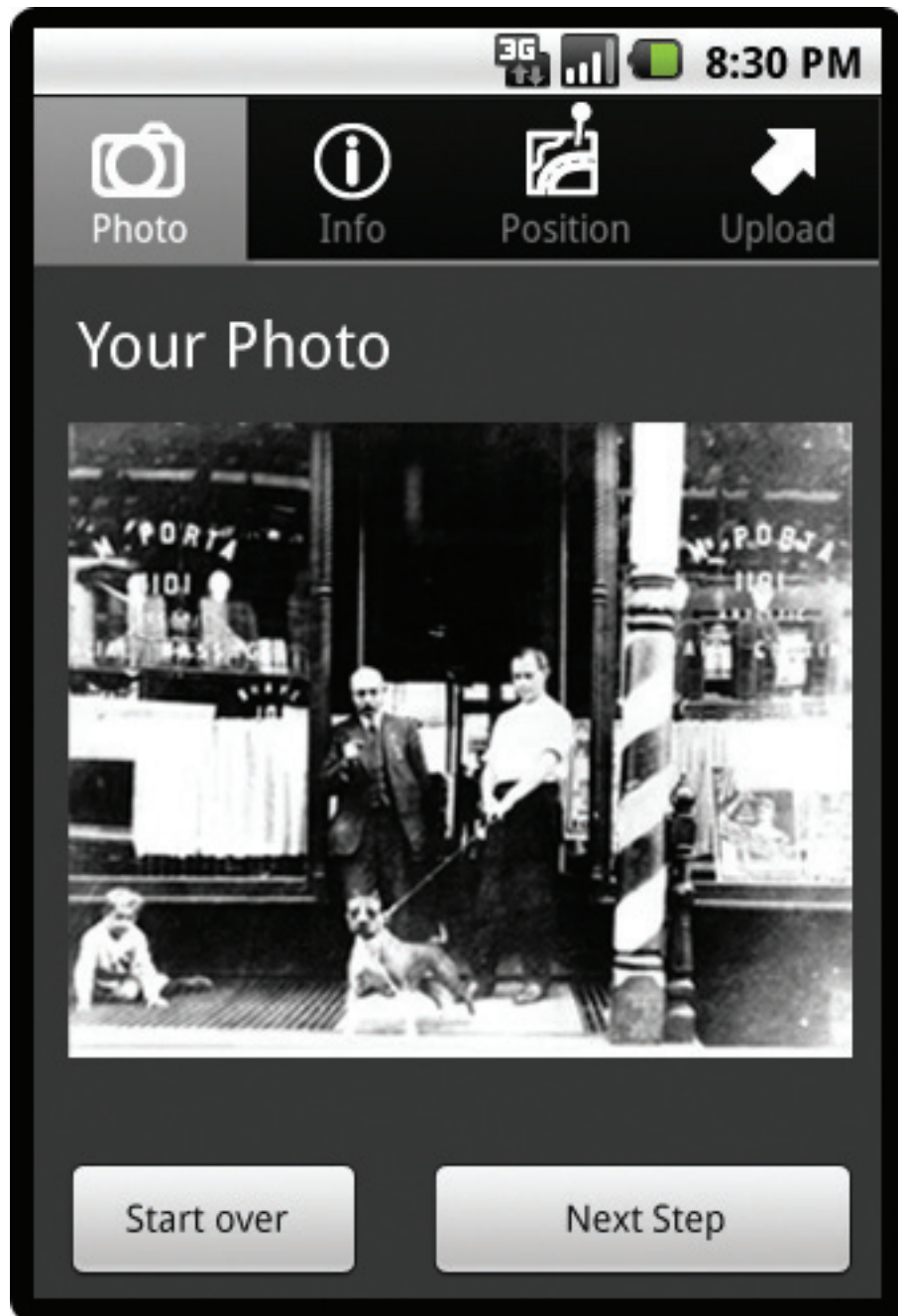
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The Collections

The Street Party Collection

The Snow Collection

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The Liberation of Europe Collection

The Car Collection

The Carnival Collection

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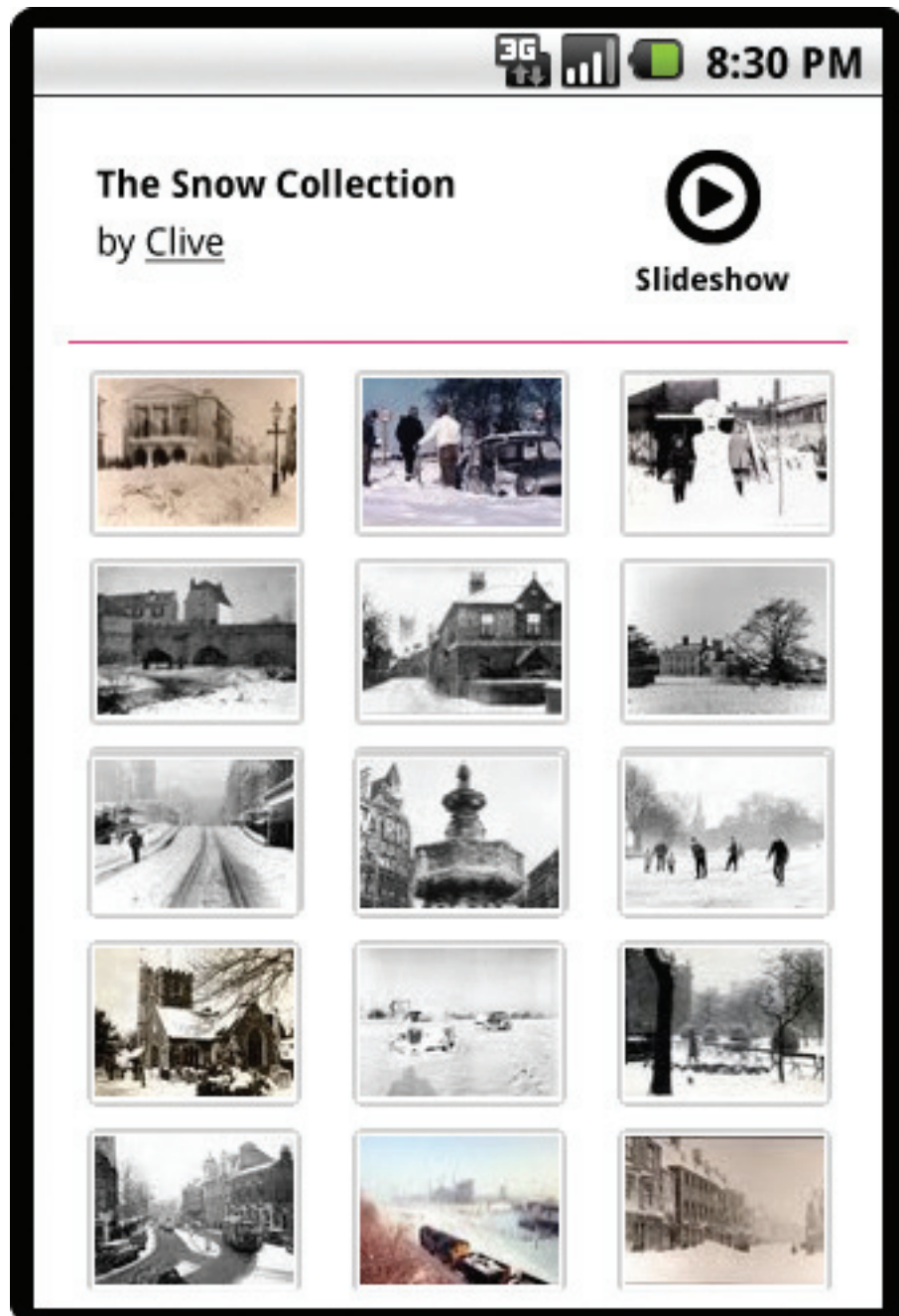
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