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Comment:

As we are losing the older generation of my family we are discovering many wonderful, old photos. With many children, grandchildren and cousins who want pictures there are few to go around. We thought we'd have them copied so everyone could remember how Great Grandma looked years ago. Imagine our surprise when we were told we had to have a copyright release. Some of these pictures are older than 50 years old. We're lucky enough that they survived. There is no way we know who took many of the pictures, let alone where they are and if they are still alive. It is very frustrating that pictures paid for by my family and of my family can not be released to my family.

I hope in the future the rules surrounding copyrights on images such as these are changed.