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Comment:

My biggest complaint with copyright laws is that they are so long. 50 or 75 years is an unreasonable amount of time. By then the photographer will likely have passed away, and likewise probably the person to whom the photo was important. Even if all interested parties were still alive, to find someone even 20 years later, much less 50 or more, is outside the scope of normal, legal resources for most people.

I have no problems with photographers being able to copyright their current work but to not be able to reprint an ancestor's photo is a different story.