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Comment:

Coming from a family of immigrants we have had a hard time getting some photos of my grandfather as a child copied.

I would hope that the copyright issue can be changed before numerous families lose valuable links to their past.

It's so hard on families to have a professional portrait of a grandparent or parent taken decades ago and not to be able to have prints made for other family members.

If the copyright laws are not going to be changed then there needs to be a registry set up of anyone who has worked as a professional photographer so that people can attempt to contact them to get the releases they need to have copies made.