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The USGenWeb Project is dedicated to making genealogical & historical resources available freely, on-line, to help others searching out their family roots, but sometimes it seems as though everything I want to use is one of the so-called "orphan works." For our project, it's an incredibly frustrating stumbling block -- the most useful resources for a genealogist are seldom widely published in the first place, they're not by famous authors that can be located later, and frequently they're simply tucked away in obscure file cabinets in a library somewhere. I know I'm not the only "amateur" who sees stories about libraries or archives that have to throw out manuscripts or books for either lack of room or no money to retain them; and then, when we find something that would be of use, we find we can't re-publish it (on line OR off) because we can't locate anyone to give permission. Please help!