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Comment:

One of my slightly distant relatives is a 94- year old woman who just moved into a nursing home. She has a lot of the family pictures, and knows who the pictures are of. My mother was talking to a woman at the local wallgreens last night about getting an enlargement made of one that depicts this woman and her family when she was 12.

The clerk wasn't sure they could do it because if you take these pics into any scanner/enlargement place, the *attendant will decide for you if they were professionally done and refuse to let you have them if they think they were.*

School photos? Family group shots done in a random corner drugstore that closed just after the town got a mall? Wedding pics? So sorry, those aren't really yours no matter how much you paid for them, even if you have the receipt, until the photographer has been dead for fifty years.

Anyone who only has old pictures left of their family is just out of luck for these *bought and paid for* photographs *of their own relatives*.

This is sick and wrong. I have absolutely no idea how to get ahold of this person, or if they were even a professional to begin with.

Signed photos or art prints I understand being under restraint. But these are of my family. They are paid for. And I should have every right to expect that I can make copies if I need or want to, especially since the pictures are older than I am.

(I am 32. The photographs in question are about 80.)