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Comment:

My mother inlaw is 88 years old & has some older family portraits that appear to be orphaned (we can't tell who did the photographs & would gladly pay them theirs rights). The photographs are all over 50 years old & were probably done by transient photographers. None are marked in any way. I think there should be a blanket release available to shops to be able to reproduce family photographs & the family would agree to pay a fair fee if a photopgraher later proves that it is his work. It appears that the copyright laws are, by implication, that people are purposely trying to infringe on copyrights when the possible holder made no attempt to mark his work or assign disposition of his copyright if even exist.

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