

As a collector of old photographs—often from sources such as garage sales—I am concerned with the copyright laws if I publish or share any of the photographs. The photographs are excellent sources for social history research, but are usually amateur snapshots, with no way of tracing the photographer. They've often been discarded by the families that would have any interest, and the photographer may have died a long time ago... but it's impossible to know.

I would love to see a ruling that would clarify copyright responsibilities in this area.

Thank you for your efforts in this area,

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