

To Whom It May Concern:

I am an amateur scrapbooker and genealogist who also works a full-time job. As such I am often unable to travel to the locations of libraries that may have useful materials regarding my family history or have professional photographs reproduced. It would be extremely helpful to me (and many other people) to be able to access these materials online or copy the photos or information. However, with many works still be covered by copyright rules (even though the authors/photographers may be long-deceased) this is, unfortunately, not possible. I would love to see these "orphan works" become available for copying or internet uploading. Please think about this, if these works stay under copyright restrictions, who will be able to see or read them? Written works are made to be read, paintings and visual works are made to be seen, and vocal works are meant to be heard. Do not let these beautiful reminders of our country's proud history fall silent. If these items continue to be protected by copyright laws there is a chance they would be overlooked in the future. This would be, by far, a greater shame than anyone could ever imagine. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Dannell Brock