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Comment:

Orphan copyright works have a much larger benefit to society when they are opened to public fair use. Please consider my comments in response to some of the issues raised by these original commentors:

Jon Miller, speaks of using old-time radio to teach dramatic practices. What a great use for these shows in the present!

John Van Dyke, talks about orphan software being useful to fuel future software development. I couldn't agree more. I think this will help America have a technological edge into the future. We can't do this if we lock orphaned ideas away under the name of copyright.

THOMAS A. BECKETT, brings a good legal perspective to this issue. Copyright holders should have to register to maintain their copyright. After a certain period of time the government shouldn't have to enforce it for them, especially long after they have orphaned that work.

Copyright is to protect the consumer and the people, not big business. Please free up orphaned copyright works.