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Comment:

While I have not commercially published anything I became involved with following modern prosecution of members of the Symbionese Liberation Army. (SLA) The group was probably most famous for the 1974 kidnapping of Patricia Hearst, the granddaughter of the late publishing magnate William Randolph Hearst.

Since the events happened in 1974 to 1975 finding material was difficult. Sources such as <http://bookfinder.com> helped immensely. I posted some material online at my <http://soliah.com> and rarely received a complaint from the authors, since the material had long been out of print. The few complaints I did receive were from those who were marginally involved and didn't want their public writings brought to light. None followed through on threats about copyright infringements but I worry about this if I ever try to publish anything about the new conviction against SLA members and "associates".

I like the Wired Magazine <http://wired.com> idea that trademarks, copyrighted material and such have a system somewhat like the internet domain registration system. After ten or twenty years they could pay a modest fee to renew the rights. If not, they would be open for generous reuse or reposting on the internet if not for profit.

There's an old newspaper saying that the newspaper archive is called the "mourage" because "nothings as old as yesterday's news." Greg Lang