

Copyright - or Copy Wrong?

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Test Your Knowledge - True or False:

1. I inherited a box of photographs from my grandmother. Since I own the photographs, I have the right to publish them in a book or post them on the internet.
2. I can save gravestone photos from FindAGrave.com and add them to my tree on Ancestry.com
3. I can scan photos from a book and post them on my Facebook page.
4. Google Images are free for use by anyone.
5. Since I own a photographic print, I own the copyright.
6. I have the right to photocopy an entire library book since the library has copy machines available for patrons.
7. I have to register my written work or photograph with the U.S. Copyright Office before I own the copyright.
8. My grandfather's letters were passed down to me via my mother. I have the right to publish these letters.
9. Someone stole my photographs from FindAGrave and posted them on their own web site and Ancestry.com. I can't do anything to stop them from doing this.
10. I have a collection of recipe cards that belonged to various family members. I have the right to publish these in a family recipe book.

Learn more about copyright:

United States Copyright Office

<http://www.copyright.gov/>

U.S. Copyright Law - 396 page PDF file

<http://www.copyright.gov/title17/circ92.pdf>

The Digital Millennium Copyright Summary, 1998

<http://www.copyright.gov/legislation/dmca.pdf>

The Legal Genealogist - blog written by Judy Russell, genealogist and lawyer

<http://www.legalgenealogist.com/>

- Copyright and The Recipe
<http://www.legalgenealogist.com/blog/2014/02/19/copyright-and-the-recipe/>
- Copyright and The Book Scanner
<http://www.legalgenealogist.com/blog/2014/02/05/copyright-and-the-book-scanner/>

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- Copyright and the Genealogy Report (recommended for professional genealogists who prepare reports for clients)
<http://www.legalgenealogist.com/blog/2013/11/20/copyright-and-the-genealogy-report/>
- Copyright and the Lost Letters
<http://www.legalgenealogist.com/blog/2012/12/03/copyright-and-the-lost-letters/>
- Go Ahead - Use These Images
<http://www.legalgenealogist.com/blog/2012/09/21/go-ahead-use-these-images/>
- Copyright and the Obituary
<http://www.legalgenealogist.com/blog/2012/09/12/copyright-and-the-obit/>

Genealogy's Star blog, written by James Tanner, genealogist and lawyer

- Oral Interviews and the Law of Copyright
<http://genealogysstar.blogspot.com/2014/02/oral-interviews-and-law-of-copyright.html>
- Newspapers, Obituaries and Copyright
<http://genealogysstar.blogspot.com/2014/02/newspapers-obituaries-and-copyright.html>

Cyndi's List

<http://www.cyndislist.com/ip/copyright-general/>

Cornell University Law School - U.S. Code: Title 17 Copyrights

<http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/17>

eBook: Digital Copyright by Jessica Litman

<http://www.amazon.com/Digital-Copyright-Jessica-Litman-ebook/dp/B003N654VS/>

Copyright and Public Domain Chart - University of North Carolina

<http://www.unc.edu/~unclng/public-d.htm>

Creative Commons

www.creativecommons.org

About.com: Copyright and Genealogy

http://genealogy.about.com/od/writing_family_history/a/copyright.htm

Association of Professional Genealogists - Links to Copyright sites and articles

<http://www.apgen.org/organization/policies/copyright.html>

Genealogy.com - Who Owns Genealogy? Cousins and Copyright

http://www.genealogy.com/14_cpyrt.html

Roots Web - Copyright Fundamentals for Genealogy

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~rigenweb/Copyright.html>