

I have purchased several photographs on ebay auction. They are old photos, dating from 1872 to 1945, the subjects of which are of historical significance, historical structures, that should be available to the public in general, and viewed by them. These structures no longer exist and should be available for viewing by photograph for their historical value. Nearly all of these 2 dozen photos do not even have a name connected to them and cannot be searched for copyright. With no name, or mark, or number, these images cannot be traced. Yet the publisher will not publish my whole manuscript because of these several old images which are historically significant. Even the two with a name attached cannot be found. I do not know if these photos were ever published, let alone copyrighted. Photos left dangling in this manner should be in a category addressed for their own value, so that there is not such uncertainty concerning them. This situation should be addressed and a solution found.