I am the family genealogist. I am trying to preserve many old photos, some quite large. Is there some sort of permission that I can acquire that I can carry with me, when trying to copy these?

It used to be that I could copy anything older than 50 years. Now I found that the age is not relevant. How are we going to keep these photos from being lost forever, without copying them!? Many are literally falling apart inside the glass and are going to be totally lost, due to the law.

I would be happy to ask the photographer for permission, but these people are long dead in their graves. How would I find even the descendent of the photographer?

What can I do?

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