

Re: Cop;yright question

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Tue 4/27/2021 1:36 PM

To: Peter Spellane <PSpellane@citytech.cuny.edu>;

hi Peter: I know it will difficult to find contacts for the city-related archives. I hope all goes well.
thanks, Monica

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From: Peter Spellane
Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 1:23:04 PM
To: Monica Berger
Subject: Re: Cop;yright question

Dear Monica,

Everything in this project is old, except for the present day Superfund process.

All the images of interest to me are pre-1925. There are a few old images I'd like to use, but I cannot secure permission from New-York Historical Society (they require that they produce the image-- I don't blame them, but it takes 4 or 5 weeks. I'm too late in discovering that. I don't mind: not essential to the narrative and maybe I'll find use in a related book.

Other images are from public offices and old: from the UP Patents and Trademark office and from the Old Records office of NY County. Finding who to ask seems impossible. I will consult with Springer.

Peter

From: Monica Berger
Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 12:40:13 PM
To: Peter Spellane
Subject: Re: Cop;yright question

Hi Peter: although these are likely in the public domain due to age if they are from 1925 or earlier, I'd reach out to ask permission just to cover yourself. I would guess that there's no details about dates or photographer on the photos, right? Also, I'd look through Springer's guidance. <https://www.springernature.com/gp/policies/editorial-policies/third-party-permissions>

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From: Peter Spellane
Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 12:12:35 PM
To: Monica Berger
Subject: Cop;yright question

Dear Monica

I am readying my Newtown Creek manuscript for submission to Springer. I have a question on rights, if any, to images I obtained (cell phone photographs) of documents I discovered at the Old Records Office of the Office of the New York County Clerk.

The Old Records office is a really remarkable place, downtown, across from the Tweed Courthouse on Chambers Street.

I assume all those documents are in the public domain, but how can I know for sure?

Similarly, the website of the City of New York provides a link to DOITT aerial photographs of the city. I found there an image years ago of a 1920s flyover of Newtown Creek.

Do you have any idea of my rights to use such images?

Thanks
Peter