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## Orphaned Intellectual Property Owner

Posted by C. Lochen - 2008/03/31 12:40

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In some situations, the owner of a copyrighted material is unnamed. In intellectual property circles they call the owner an "orphan".

What is the best way to find out the identity of the property owner? I know that Canada now has a scheme for identifying copyright owners, but what about the U.S.?

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## Re:Orphaned Intellectual Property Owner

Posted by jpol - 2008/03/31 15:35

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you can search the USPTO but the name may come up as undisclosed. However, you should be able to send a letter to the address listed.

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## Re:Orphaned Intellectual Property Owner

Posted by Brian - 2008/03/31 17:06

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The uspto should have an address you can send a letter to and from there a communication could be sent to the holder. They do have some mechanism in place for this type of situation.

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