

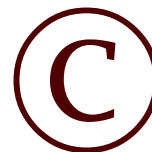
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COPYRIGHT Issues for the 21st Century Genealogist

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