

NOTICE

MEMORANDUM

November 12, 1940

Remitter: Victor Animatograph Corp. (71713)--Class A.

Title: "The Victor Visual Edu-graph."

Question: Division of opinion as to adequacy of copyright notice.

The notice of copyright is upon a printed slip. It is pasted on the back of the front cover, which cover bears the title. The following text matter is in a decorated square:

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This Manual is the property of the Victor Animatograph Corporation, Davenport, Iowa and is subject to surrender on demand.

VICTOR ANIMATOGRAPH CORP.

Davenport
Iowa

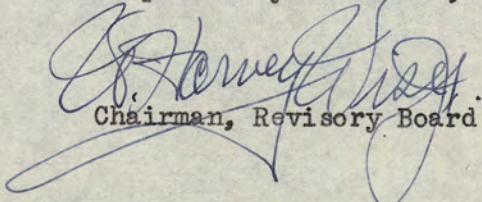
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Beneath this border in small type appears "Copyright 1940."

In the opinion of Mrs. Brady and Mr. Smith the copyright notice is inadequate in that the name of the copyright owner Victor Animatograph Corporation is not in immediate juxtaposition to the statement "Copyright 1940." Furthermore, they take the position that the name was not intended to be incorporated as a part of the notice.

Mr. Wise, on the other hand, takes the position that the copyright notice is adequate in that the only name appearing on the page with the statement "Copyright 1940" is Victor Animatograph Corporation; and, furthermore, it appears on the same printed sheet bearing the legend "Copyright 1940." In these circumstances he is of the opinion that registration should be made under class A and the applicant should be advised that in the future a better form is to have the name of the copyright owner immediately follow the word copyright and the year date.

Respectfully submitted,


Chairman, Revisory Board

Register--there can be no doubt who owns the copyright here.--H.A.Howell.