

## Attachment A-2

### Problem Searching on the NYS Historic Newspapers Site

A batch of files we sent to the NYS Historic Newspapers site were put up in June 2020. We are having a searching problem with this particular batch of files.

The batch consists of the following newspapers and years.


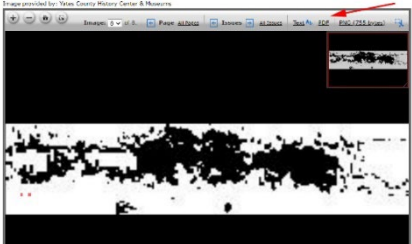

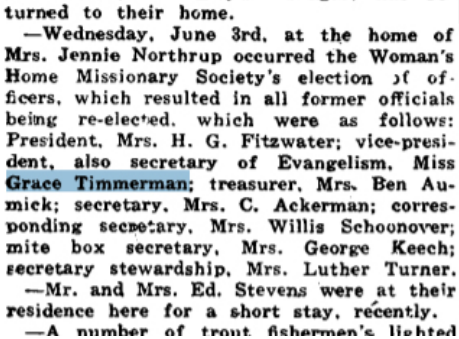
Penn Yan Democrat - 1901, 1902, and 1907

Penn Yan Express - 1866 through 1925

Dundee Observer - 1983 through 2018

NYS Site has been notified and feel that they can eliminate the problem soon.

The following is a workaround to help searching on NYS while the problem still exists.

<p><b>Problem</b></p> <p>Suppose when we search for “Grace Timmerman” and we get this for our hits. The PNG files are corrupted and unreadable.</p>	 <p>The screenshot shows the search results for 'Grace Timmerman' on the NYS Historic Newspapers website. It displays three thumbnail images that are corrupted and unreadable. The thumbnails are labeled with file names like 'Penn Yan Democrat (Penn Yan, N.Y.) June 11, 1902, Page 8, Image 8'.</p>
<p>Click on the first thumb we get this. Unreadable.</p> <p>Click on PDF (see red arrow) and</p>	 <p>This screenshot shows a corrupted image thumbnail. A red arrow points to a small PDF icon in the top right corner of the thumbnail area, indicating the correct file format to click on.</p>
<p>Up comes the original uncorrupted PDF file.</p>	 <p>The screenshot shows a full page from a newspaper, likely the Dundee Observer, featuring various advertisements and news columns. The page is clear and readable, representing the original uncorrupted PDF file.</p>
<p>Using the Ctrl f (for find) with this PDF file we locate “Grace Timmerman” to the left.</p>	 <p>The text snippet shows a news item from a newspaper. The name 'Grace Timmerman' is highlighted in blue. The text describes a meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society on Wednesday, June 3rd, and lists the officers elected, including Grace Timmerman as secretary.</p>