New from the NYG&B Online Collections: Delaware County Historical Association

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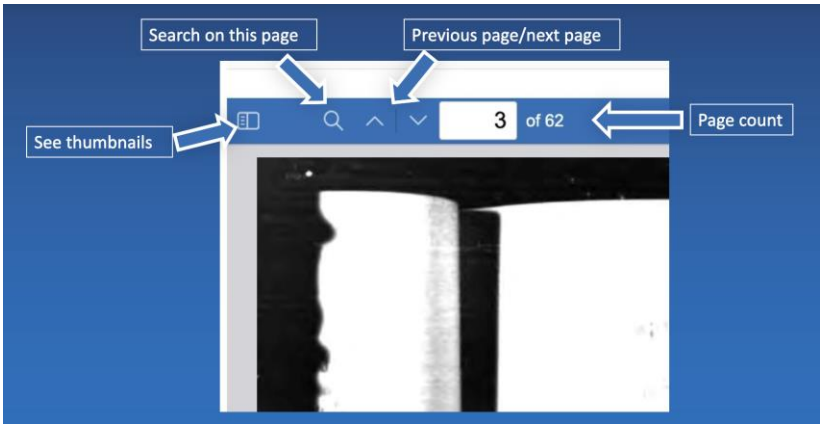
How to Access the Collections Catalog

https://www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org/online-records/browse-catalog

The NYG&B's Online Collections Catalog can most easily be located from the top navigation bar under "Online Records", which is viewable from any page of the website. When hovering the mouse over "Online Records", the button for "Collections Catalog" appears as the second item in the drop-down menu.

Navigating the PDF Viewer

Every image in our online collections is visible by using our standard PDF viewer. In addition to browsing through the images, the PDF viewer utilizes functions that allow users to interact with documents in ways most helpful for them. These functions include highlighting, annotating, zooming in and out, printing, and downloading. Users may also adjust how the image is viewed by expanding to full screen, rotating, and adjusting how the page may be scrolled through.



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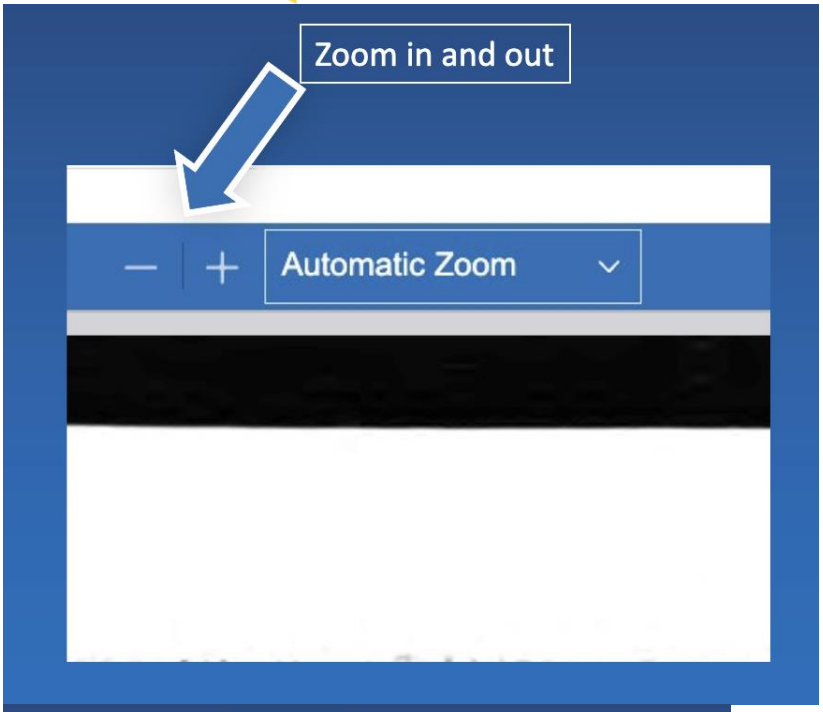

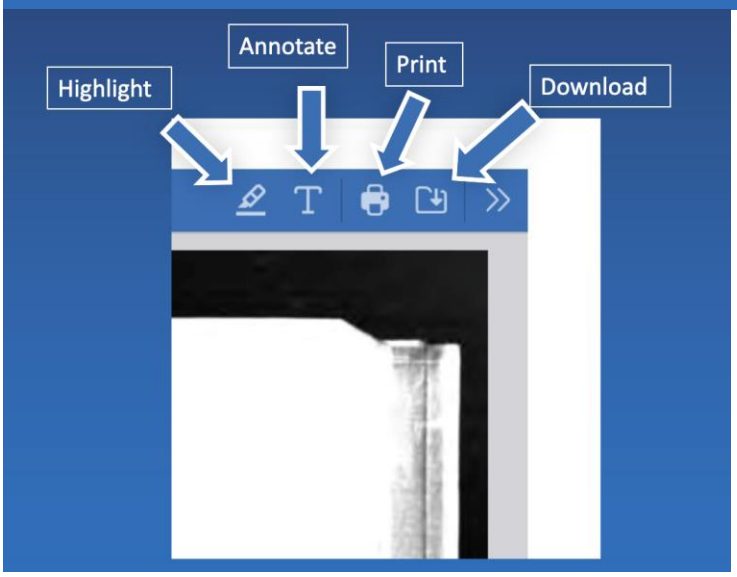

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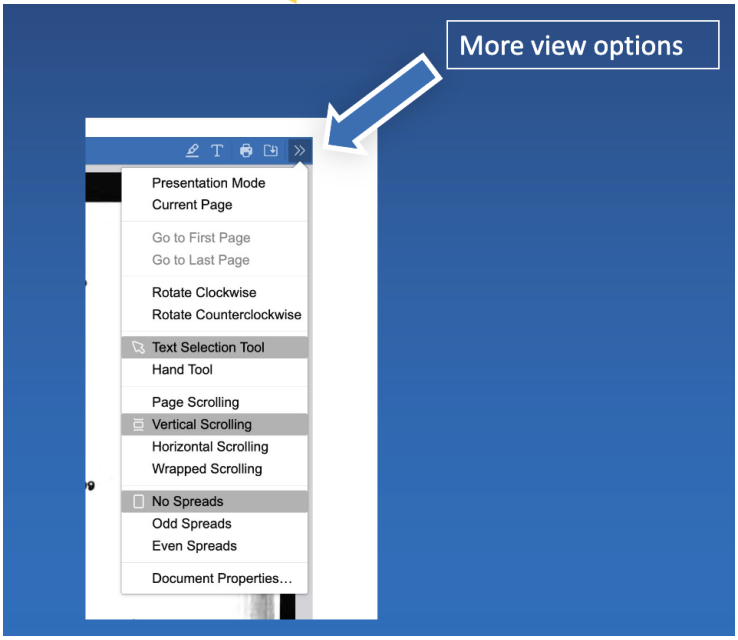
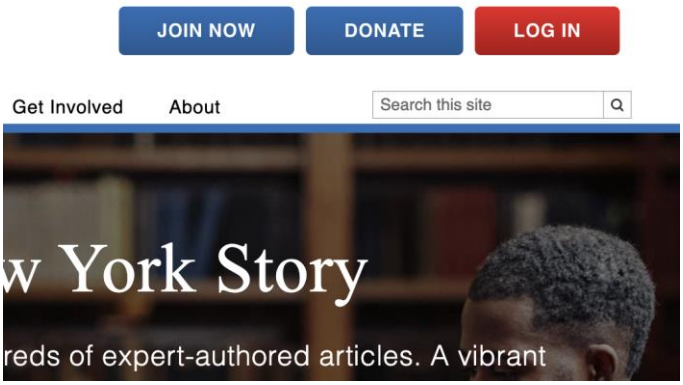
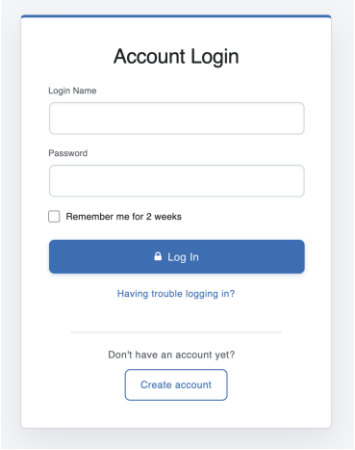


Locked and Unlocked Collections

Some collections on our site are locked, which means they require membership to view and search the images. Other collections are unlocked, which means they are freely accessible to the public, and neither a membership nor a free account is needed to view and search for images within the collection. However, users may benefit from creating a free account as it helps to keep track of your past event attendance and store orders, allows you to opt in to receive emails and special offers, and you may easily upgrade to a membership if desired. To create an account, click the "LOG IN" button on the upper right-hand corner of the NYG&B website and then select the button labeled "Create account".





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Tips for Indexed and Full-Text Search

Depending on the collection, you may have the opportunity to do a deeper review of the records through an indexed or keyword-based search. This option is available for collections labeled "Collection Type: OCR" (optical character recognition)[1] or "Collection Type: Indexed." Some collections may be labeled with both.

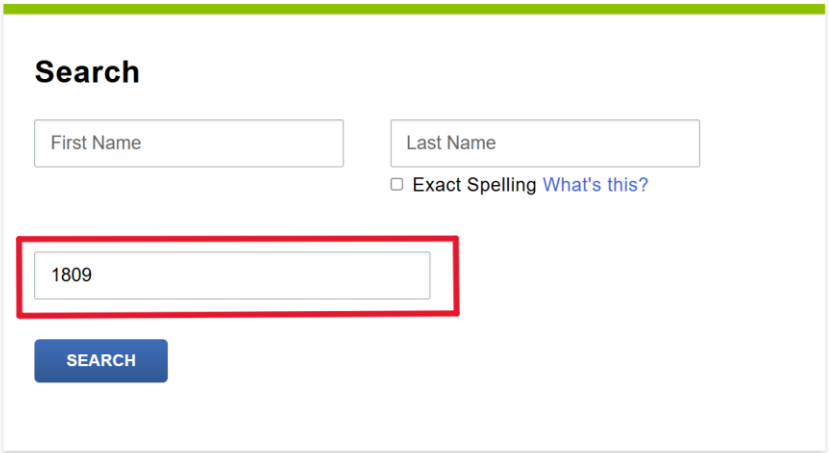
Collection Category: County Histories | **Collection Type:** OCR |
Location: Montgomery County, Fulton County

Collection Category: Periodicals | **Collection Type:** Indexed | **Location:** All NY Counties

When using collections with these Collection Type labels, you can use keywords to explore the records within the collection.

- **Keyword Search Example**
  When a collection has OCR applied, you can search by any keyword, including names, dates, locations, and more. On the collection page, locate the "Search" box, which offers several field options. Type your search term into the "Keywords" field, then click the blue "Search" button. Your matches will appear under "Full-text Search Results," each with a link to the document page where the term was found.

Keyword search for the date "1809"



[1] Optical character recognition (OCR) is a technology that uses automated data extraction to quickly convert images of text into a machine-readable format.

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Search results for the date "1809" within the collection

Full-text Search Results What's this? 20 Results Per Page

Match	Collection	Title	Location	Documentation
retired farmer, St. Johnsville; b. *1809.* Nellis, J. D., farmer and cider, Powell, Abner,...	History of Montgomery and Fulton Counties, NY	History of Montgomery and Fulton Counties, NY	Montgomery County, Fulton County	View Document
such, at Kingsboro, in the year *1809.* That village and the surrounding, quantities are now...	History of Montgomery and Fulton Counties, NY	History of Montgomery and Fulton Counties, NY	Montgomery County, Fulton County	View Document
Van Horne, David I. Zieley. *1809.* Daniel Cady, James Allen, David	History of Montgomery and Fulton Counties, NY	History of Montgomery and Fulton Counties, NY	Montgomery County, Fulton County	View Document

Matches to your search will appear under the "Match" column in italicized text (yellow highlighter has been added as a visual aid).

If you're searching for a specific name or phrase, place quotation marks around your search terms. This tells the search to look only for instances where the words appear in that exact order. Searching is not case sensitive, but punctuation may affect results.

Keyword search for the phrase "Sunny Side" using quotation marks

Search

First Name

Last Name

☐ Exact Spelling What's this?

"Sunny Side"

SEARCH

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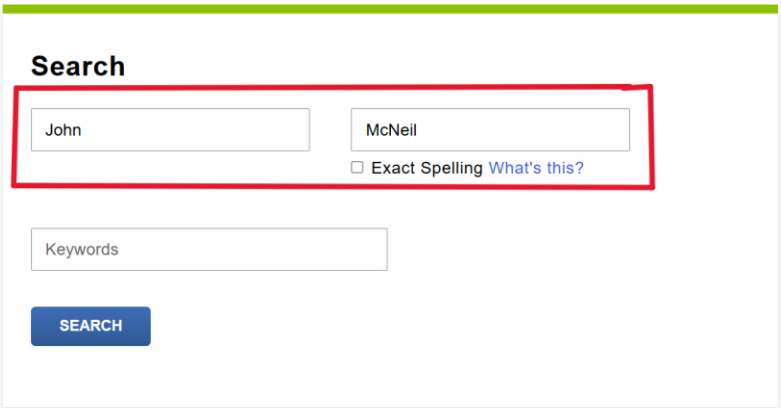
Search results for the entire phrase "Sunny Side" within the collection

Full-text Search Results What's this? 20 Results Per Page

Match	Collection	Title	Location	Documentation
Live Stock and Real Estate, *Sunny Side* Farm, Otego, N. Y. (See Adv, Live Stock and Real…	American Agriculturist Farm Directory and Reference Book of Otsego and Herkimer Counties, New York, 1917	American Agriculturist Farm Directory and Reference Book of Otsego and Herkimer Counties, New York, 1917	Otsego County	View Document
Live Stock and Real Estate, *Sunny Side* Farm, Otego, N. Y. (See Adv, Live Stock and Real…	American Agriculturist Farm Directory and Reference Book of Otsego and Herkimer Counties, New York, 1917	American Agriculturist Farm Directory and Reference Book of Otsego and Herkimer Counties, New York, 1917	Otsego County	View Document
JOHN E. (Gertrude) 3ch "*Sunny Side*" farmer (dairy) WOS 137a	American Agriculturist Farm Directory and Reference Book of Otsego and	American Agriculturist Farm Directory and Reference Book of Otsego and	Otsego County	View Document

- **Indexed Search Example**
  When a collection has been indexed, you can search by first name, last name, or both. On the collection page, locate the "Search" box. Type your search term(s) into the name field(s), then click the blue "Search" button. Your matches will appear under "Indexed Results," each with a link to the document page where matches to your terms were found.

Index search for the name "John McNeil"



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Search results for the name "John McNeil" within the index

Indexed Results What's this? 20 Results Per Page

Last Name	First Name	Collection	Additional Details	Documentation
McNeill	John	NYG&B Record	**Article Title: The McNeil Family of Carlisle, Schoharie County** ▼ **Volume**: 139 **Issue**: 2 **Page**: 124	View Document

Matches to your search will appear under the "Last Name" and/or "First Name" columns (yellow highlighter has been added as a visual aid).

By default, the search will show exact and similar matches to the spelling of the first and/or last name. If you want to search by the exact spelling of a last name, you can click the check box under the "Last Name" field for "Exact Search."

The Delaware County Historical Association Collection

https://www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org/online-records/collection/delaware-county-historical-association-records
This collection consists of 19th century manuscripts documenting the personal, legal, and financial activities of families in Delaware County, New York. Materials include diaries, account books, and family Bibles.
The materials provide insight into daily life, local commerce, and civic participation in rural New York communities during the 19th century. Subjects represented include business operations, family structure, legal practice, and regional events such as the Anti-Rent War. Together, the materials offer a detailed record of both individual experience and broader social and economic life in the Catskills region.

This collection was digitized in partnership with the Delaware County Historical Association. To learn more about the association visit: https://www.dcha-ny.org/.

Digitize New York

https://www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org/digitize-new-york

Through the Digitize New York initiative, the NYG&B partners with organizations across New York State to digitally preserve records and make them available online. Online visitors can learn more about the project and its current operations. In addition, details on submitting an application to preserve materials through the program and recently released online collections are available.

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