

# Scanning Yearbooks



If you have ever tried scanning senior photos (or any photo) from a yearbook, your results can be less than satisfactory. This is especially true of the older black and white photos. The problem is the Moiré Patterns technique in printing.

Adjusting the scanner settings can improve the photo. See example below.



Yearbook photo on the left was scanned using 16 bit Grayscale with the Unsharp Mask and Descreener Filers options turned off.

Yearbook photo on the right was scanned using 16 bit Grayscale with the Unsharp Mask and Descreener Filers options turned on.



Experiment and record your settings to find the best results with your scanner.

Listed below are links addressing specific Moiré issues and touch-up techniques.

Moire or Moiré - Graphics Software Glossary

<http://graphicssoft.about.com/od/glossary/l/blmoire.htm>

How To Remove Moiré Patterns From Scanned Photos in Photoshop and Elements:

<http://graphicssoft.about.com/cs/photoshop/ht/apsremovemoire.htm>

How To Remove Moiré Patterns From Scanned Photos in Corel Photo-Paint

<http://graphicssoft.about.com/cs/photopaint/ht/cppremovemoire.htm>

How To Remove Moiré Patterns From Scanned Photos in Ulead PhotoImpact

<http://graphicssoft.about.com/cs/photoimpact/ht/upiremovemoire.htm>

You can search the internet for 'Moiré Patterns' to find technical explanations on the problem.

<http://www.scanhelp.com/288int/scontent/descreen.html> provides an in depth explanation.