

## THE HISTORY OF OUR HOUSE

*A community history project brought to you by the Office of the Tompkins County Historian,  
the Municipal Historians of Tompkins County, The History Center of Tompkins County,  
and Historic Ithaca*

### ***The Basics***

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ City, Village, or Hamlet \_\_\_\_\_

Does the neighborhood have a name designation? \_\_\_\_\_

Tax map number \_\_\_\_\_

Attach a picture of the house as it is today and mark it in pencil with date.

If available, attach an older picture of the house and include date if known.

Current owner(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Today's date \_\_\_\_\_

Type of house: Single family/ Duplex/ Rental Apartment/ Other \_\_\_\_\_

If rental property, how many units in the building \_\_\_\_\_

Date of original construction \_\_\_\_\_

Name of original builder, developer, or architect \_\_\_\_\_

Architectural style \_\_\_\_\_

Size of lot \_\_\_\_\_

### ***House history***

Military Tract number/Watson Flint Purchase number\* \_\_\_\_\_

\*This number can be determined by looking at 19<sup>th</sup> century maps of Tompkins County available  
in the County Clerk's office and at The History Center of Tompkins County

First known owner and approximate dates \_\_\_\_\_

Others and approximate dates \_\_\_\_\_

Date of installation of water and sewer lines to the house \_\_\_\_\_

Date of installation of electricity to the house \_\_\_\_\_

Date of roof? \_\_\_\_\_

Additional significant changes to the house since original construction (attach pages if necessary)

Significant changes in property since original construction, such as lot division, addition or removal of outbuildings, etc. (attach pages if necessary)

Historical events associated with the house and property (attach pages if necessary)

Family and neighborhood stories about the house (attach pages if necessary)

*This form is also available online at [www.historicithaca.org](http://www.historicithaca.org) and we encourage you to submit a completed copy to Historic Ithaca for inclusion in HI's archive of buildings within the county.*

***Additional Resources***

For more information on house histories and the architectural history of Tompkins County, contact Historic Ithaca at (607) 273-6633. Your municipal historian is also conducting workshops on how to prepare a house history. Information is available at the Office of the Tompkins County Historian, [www.tompkins-co.org/historian/](http://www.tompkins-co.org/historian/). Or contact your municipal hisotorian.

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