

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 19th 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 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/. Or contact your municipal hisotorian.

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