

# Guide to the **Tompkins County LGBT Collection**

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### COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

Tompkins County has a long history of activists working to advance LGBT rights. In the late 1960s and the 1970s, the Gay Peoples Center (GPC) led this movement in Tompkins County. The Cornell Gay Liberation Front (formerly the Student Homophile League) supported the effort, along with several other organizations. Ithaca was also home to the *Lavender Opinion*, which called itself “the gay newspaper for Central New York.”

During the 1970s, the Gay Peoples Center proposed a human rights bill protecting homosexuals to the Ithaca Common Council and organized boycotts of nightclubs that discriminated against gay people. The Gay Peoples Center provided a variety of services to the gay community and this collection documents these efforts.

This collection also includes materials from the *Lavender Opinion*, a variety of newspaper clippings, and some organizational documents of the Gay Peoples Center.

### CONTAINER LIST

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GPC Log #1	Loose in the box
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