

July 2022

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[Last Month at The History Center...](#)



Whew! What a month!

From our hundreds of visitors during [Ithaca Fest](#), our gratitude to those who donated and spread the word during [Giving is Gorges](#) (we raised **\$7,440** the third most raised out of 80 participating organizations!), the [hundreds of 4th graders who went to school at Eight Square](#), everyone who explored

records in the [Research Library](#) (some visiting from as far away as Minnesota!), to the dozens of participants who attended our [PRIDE events](#), [Juneteenth programming](#), local history [film screenings](#), visited the [Unfolding](#) exhibit, cheered during [Vintage Base Ball](#), and shared [#TompkinsHistory](#) posts - **THANK YOU!**

We collect, preserve, share, promote, and hold local history and memory for all of YOU! It is deeply meaningful for all of us at The History Center to be able to offer more in-person programming and community collaborations again.

[Recognizing Bob Kibbee's](#)

Our entire local history family was heartbroken by the [death of Robert J. Kibbee](#) on May 31st 2022. He was an enthusiastic volunteer, a committed trustee, and a visionary leader for The History Center.

In a material way, his leadership on imagining and developing [HistoryForge](#) advanced our understanding of Tompkins County significantly. The project combined many of Bob's passions, including [maps](#), census data, [genealogy](#), and local history.

It was a true honor and privilege for our staff to work alongside Bob over countless hours to realize the [HistoryForge](#) project. The project is active here in [Ithaca](#), [Elmira](#), [Auburn](#), and [Oberlin \(OH\)](#), and is preparing to expand to include all of Tompkins County and other communities. [HistoryForge](#) is innovative, promotes deep and critical thinking about our community, and inspires folks from all walks of life to engage in new ways with our shared past. All of these project characteristics are reflective of Bob's character. He was a friend, a mentor, and a valuable leader for us as individuals, and as an organization.

We are committed to continuing the [HistoryForge](#) project as a small way of honoring all of Bob's contributions to our community. His passing is a true loss, and we will miss his presence deeply.



**"Bob believed in the power of volunteers
to bring history to life"**

- Katherine Chiang, HistoryForge Volunteer

[Bob's obituary and memorial services](#) are being coordinated by his family and Ness-Sibley Funeral Home. We encourage everyone to share their memories of



Pictured is one of many virtual transcriptions for the HistoryForge project Bob and Eve co-hosted during the first year of COVID-19.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AN EARLY HISTORY
of the
WYOMING VALLEY
The Yankee-Pennamite Wars & Timothy Pickering

ESCAPE TO THE LAKES
4 PM - JULY 27, 2022
THE HISTORY CENTER IN TOMPKINS COUNTY
110 TIOGA ST., ITHACA NY

Kathleen A. Earle PhD

Wednesday-Saturday -

EXHIBIT HALL IS OPEN!

10am-5pm - [Hours & Safety Guidelines](#)

ON DISPLAY - reCOUNT:

[Facing our Census](#)

Fri - July 1st - 5-8pm -

[Gallery Night](#) - Join us for the evening and explore [reCOUNT: Facing Our Census](#) and other exhibits across downtown!

Sat - July 9th - 10am-5pm

- In collaboration with

A GUIDED TOUR OF PROHIBITION ERA ITHACA

This specialty tour offers audiences to explore prohibition from the safety of the 21st century. The walking tour visits some of the local haunts that sprung up after Ithaca went dry in October 1918, several years before the Volstead Act enforced the 18th Amendment. Join The History Center for scandalous tales of exciting raids and intoxicated shenanigans set against the backdrop of Ithaca during the roaring 1920's.

SUMMER 2022 TOUR DATES

TICKETS ARE \$15/PERSON ♦ PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED
 THEHISTORYCENTER.NET/TOURS ♦ CALL 607-273-8284 EXT. 229

Thurs 7/14 (5:30pm)
 Fri 7/20 (5:30pm)
 Sat 5/16 (4pm),
 Thurs 5/21 (5:30pm)
 Fri 5/22 (5:30pm)
 Sat 5/23 (4pm)

#ITHACA DRINKS

Contact Zoë Van Nostrand at community@thehistorycenter.net with any questions.
 Visit thehistorycenter.net/events to learn about our other programs.

THE HISTORY CENTER
 www.thehistorycenter.net

THE WATERSHED

Tickets are \$15/person. [Pre-registration required.](#)

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of Tompkins County, The History Center is hosting their [full day training 'Mental Health First Aid'](#) - Register [here](#)

Sun - July 10th - 9am-3pm - [Fingerlakes Bottle Collectors Association Flea Market](#)

JULY - [PROHIBITION ERA ITHACA - Guided Tours](#) - 7/14, 7/15, 7/16, and 7/21, 7/22, 7/23 - All tours are 1 hour long. [Pre-registration required](#)

Thursday - July 27th - Author Kathleen Earle [Discussing Her Book: An Early History of the Wyoming Valley](#) - 4pm @ the CAP ArtSpace inside the Tompkins Center for History & Culture. FREE drop-in program.

SAVE THE DATE:

- 8/25-27 - [Traverse Tompkins: Facing Floods Fundraiser](#)
- August TBA - [How to Accession Oral History Collections for Small Scale](#)



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- Webinar with the staff presenting.
- **September** - [History of the Commons - Guided Tours](#) - \$15/person - Register at thehistorycenter.net/tours
 - **9/17** - Sweetgrass & Splint Star Workshop with **Penny Minner** - Time TBA
 - **9/22** - The Women of WWII - Book Lecture with **Barb Warner Deane**



Mental health challenges are more common than ever.
Are you concerned about a friend or family member?
Do you want to gain confidence in talking about mental health?
Do you want to know more about what to do in a crisis?

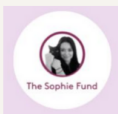
Join us for Mental Health First Aid training on 7/9, provided in partnership with The History Center in Tompkins County. Registration is **FREE** for Tompkins County community members, thanks to the generous support of The Sophie Fund!

When: Saturday 7/9, 10am-5pm

with a brief, self-paced online introduction prior to the course at a time of your choosing

Where: The History Center in Tompkins County, on the Ithaca Commons

To Register, Contact: Melanie Little
Director of Education, MHATC
mlittle@mhaedu.org / 607-273-9250



[Three History Center Interns Featured in Cornell's 'Extraordinary Lives' Interview Series](#)



Trinity Stewart

['It's a joy to be in spaces where serious discussions can be inclusive'](#)

Trinity was an [Oral History fellow](#) through the [Public History Initiative](#) under the supervision of Julia Taylor, THC's former Youth Education Director.

Claire Deng

['My project taught me why public history matters'](#)

Claire worked in our Exhibit Hall, Research Library, and Archives under the supervision of THC staff Zoë Van Nostrand and Cindy Kjellander-Cantu.

Wesley Kang

['Your experience here is what you make of it'](#)

Wesley worked in our Archives under the supervision of THC staff Donna Eschenbrenner and was instrumental in archiving the [Covid-19 Pandemic Collection](#).

[New & Noteworthy Collections in the Archives](#)



We are delighted to announce another welcome addition to our [New York Heritage Digital Collections](#) page. This newest collection honors a grim but important topic: flooding.

Tompkins County has suffered several major floods throughout its history. Situated in New York's Finger Lakes region, its many creeks and streams, as well as Cayuga Lake itself, pose considerable threats during and after heavy rainfalls. In 1857, 1901, 1935, 1956, 1972, and 1981, the area was devastated by floods that destroyed property and threatened (and took) lives and livelihoods. In [1935 the small village of Trumansburg](#) alone suffered five deaths and more than \$700,000 in damages, a horrific toll that required state and federal relief assistance and took months to recover from. These black and white images are from The History Center's [General Photo Collection](#), the largest and most diverse of our many photograph collections. Most are the work of unknown photographers, and they date from ca. 1901- ca. 1956. Most document the ravages of the 1935 flood, but some cover the floods of 1901 and 1956 as well.

You can view these fascinating images on the New York Heritage website: nyheritage.org/collections/tompkins-county-flood-photographs

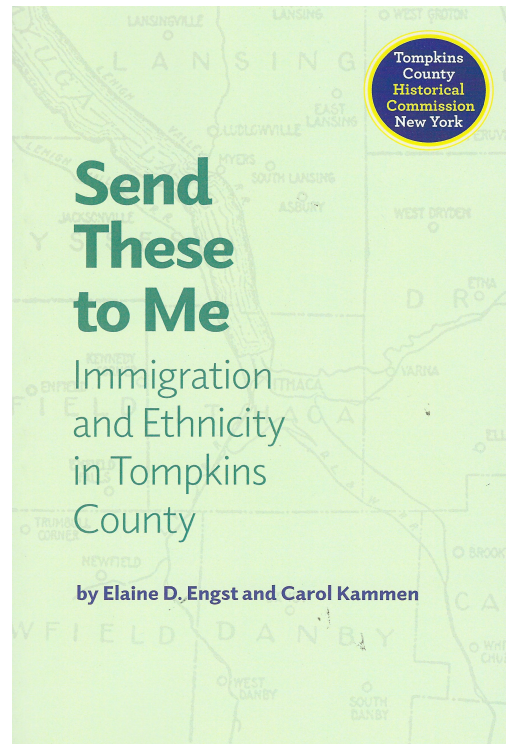
For questions about the [Archival](#) collections, or to discuss 1972 flood images, please email archives@thehistorycenter.net

****NEW** Local History Book!**

[Send These to Me: Immigration and Ethnicity in Tompkins County](#) by Elaine D. Engst and Carol Kammen is the newest work from the Tompkins County Historical Commission.

Tompkins County Historian Carol Kammen and former Cornell University Archivist Elaine Engst's work '*Send These to Me*' tells the story of immigrant communities who came and made their homes in Tompkins County. *Send These to Me* hopes to show where we have come from and, hopefully increase our understanding of where we are going as a society. This history looks at human habitation and immigration of Tompkins County following the Revolutionary War and the forced relocation of the Gayogohó:nq?, Tutelo, and Saponinis by the 1779 Sullivan-Clinton Campaign.

Includes summaries of known immigration and settlement by the following groups: English, Dutch, German, Jewish, Italian, Syrian, Chinese, enslaved and free Black Americans, Finlanders/Finnish, Central Europeans, and Greeks.



OTHER LOCAL HISTORY NEWS & UPDATES

[Dryden Town Historical Society](#) new exhibit '**Take Me Out to the Ball Game**' commemorates Freeville baseball teams. Plan to visit any Tuesday or Saturday from 10AM-1PM. Located at 14 North Street, Dryden NY 13053.

- [7/14 - Mystery Dryden Quilt](#) Presentation by Anita Loscalzo

[Band](#) (2000-2002) - Please contact newfieldarchives@gmail.com

The **Village of Freeville has recently unveiled [nine interpretive panels](#) for Station Park.** Research for these panels was completed in part at The History Center [Archives & Research Library](#). Some of the pictures used in the panels are from The History Center's General Photo Collection and the Art Volbrecht Photo Collection.

[Matt Watros named Deputy Historian for the Town of Newfield](#) - TompkinsWeekly 5/25/22

Tompkins County Legislature shares 'Historic Southside Neighborhood Walking Tour' - Available on [YouTube](#) (6/17/22)

LOCAL HISTORY READS

- [The Paleontological Research Institution at 90](#) - PRI/Museum of the Earth Blog - 6/28/2022
- [Historic Stone House and Woodlands Bordering H. Treman State Park Donated to the Land Trust](#) - Finger Lakes Land Trust Blog - 6/29/2022
- [History Center exhibit this week amplifies survivor stories through art and activism](#) - Ithaca Voice 6/23/2022
- [History of baseball in Freeville on display at Southworth](#) - TompkinsWeekly 6/22/2022
- [The History and Symbols of Gay Rights Activism at Cornell University](#) - Cornell Fashion and Textile Collection Blog 5/27/22

The History Center in Tompkins County
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Ithaca, N.Y. 14850
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By appointment Contact

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