
History Happenings | July 2023

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Last Month at The History Center...

On June 16th we screened '[Lavender Hill: A Love Story](#)' to a full room in the CAP ArtSpace. The screening of the 23 minute documentary was followed by a panel of former Lavender Hill members; Ned Asta, David Hirsch, and Yvonne Fischer moderated by Dr. Jeffrey Iovannone. 2023 marks the 50th anniversary of the purchase of the Lavender Hill property.



Lavender Hill formed in Newfield NY (address of West Danby) in 1973, and became a commune of young gay and lesbian activists. The community survived for 11 years, making it one of the longest running queer-based communities in the country. In 2013 a short documentary was made including interviews with surviving community members and original 8mm film shot in 1974.

During a time when over a dozen "straight" communes also existed in Tompkins County, Lavender Hill which grew to include several homes across the property was unique in its expression of collaboration, intentionality, and social political connection for young gay and lesbians during this period.

Learn more about LGBTQ+ history in Tompkins County at thehistorycenter.net/lgbtq-history and by scheduling an appointment in our Research Library to review our [archival collections](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS



PRESENT CONVERSATIONS
AN INDIGENOUS & POC ART EXHIBIT
Opening weekend during Ithaca Festival!

Gallery runs through June & July

110 N Tioga St
Cap Artspace, Ithaca Commons

facebook.com/presentconvos

Present Conversations art exhibit has been extended through July 2023! Learn more about the artists at Facebook.com/presentconvos Instagram.com/ithacapresentconvos

The [History Center in Tompkins County](#) is serving as the fiscal and space sponsor for this exhibit and supporting the collaboration and organizing partners including [Yen Ospina](#), [Michael Jon Morgan Gallery](#), [The Learning Farm](#), [CNY](#)

Wednesday-Saturday -
[EXHIBIT HALL IS OPEN!](#)
10am-5pm - [Hours & Safety Guidelines](#)

ON DISPLAY - [Knot Sew Fast: Patchwork of Tompkins County](#) at The History Center Exhibit Hall. Exhibit will be on display February-December 2023.

Fri - July 7th- 5-8pm - [Gallery Night](#) - Join us for Gallery Night for the last month of [Present Conversations: An Indigenous & POC Art Exhibit](#) in the CAP ArtSpace!

Sat - July 8th & 22nd - Tompkins [HistoryForge Volunteer Transcription Sessions](#) - 11am-1pm @Tompkins Center.

Weds - July 12th - [Exhibit Opening - 20th Women Swimmin' for Hospicare](#) on display @ Tompkins Center July - October 2023

[Humanities Corridor](#), [Eve's Cider](#), [Redbyrd Orchard Cider](#), and [Open Spaces Cider](#).



Come to one of our [twice-monthly transcription sessions](#) and help preserve history! Explore the work completed so far at tompkins.historyforge.net.

SAVE THE DATE:

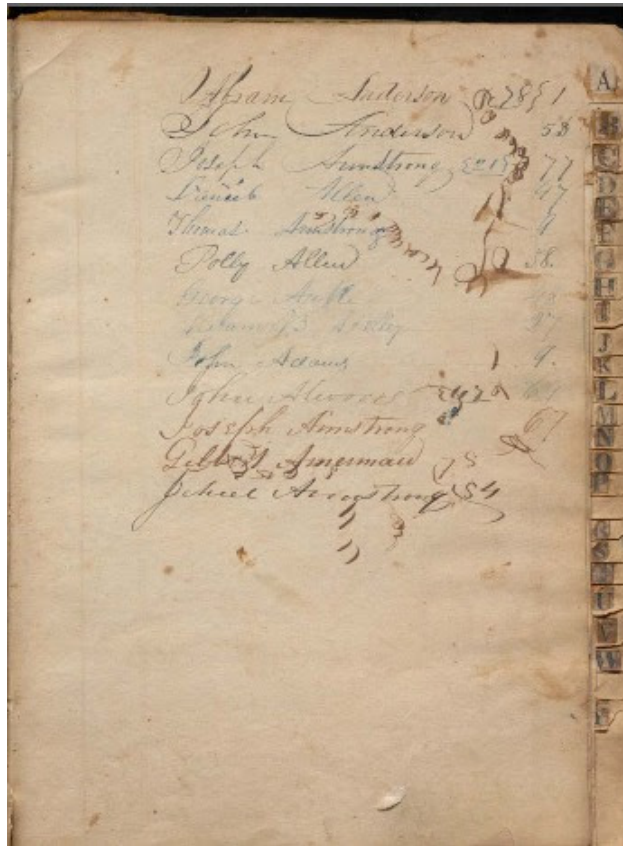
- **8/5 & 8/19** - [HistoryForge Volunteer Transcription Sessions](#) - 11am-1pm @Tompkins Center
- **August** - Sundae SHOWDOWN - Details TBA
- **September** - the '[Women of Influence - Each Block a Story](#)' quilt on loan from the Seneca-Iroquois National Museum will be returned, and a new quilt will join us on display for the remainder of the [Knot Sew Fast: Patchwork of Tompkins County](#) exhibit.

[New York Genealogical & Biographical Society Digitizes Sherwood Account Journals](#)

Our friends over at the [The New York Genealogical & Biographical Society - NYG&B](#) recently completed digitizing the Sherwood Account Journals. These volumes represent mid-19th century handwritten journals of [Dr. Amaziah Church Sherwood](#)'s and Orlando Beebe Sherwood's patients and their accounts. The former graduated from Geneva Medical School in 1841, and worked as a physician in Cayutaville, Newfield, and Enfield, New York, until his death in 1860. Orlando Sherwood, Amaziah's son, served in the Civil War as a medic and served the Cayutaville community after graduating from medical school.

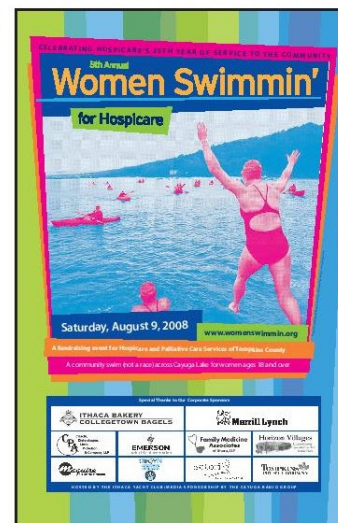
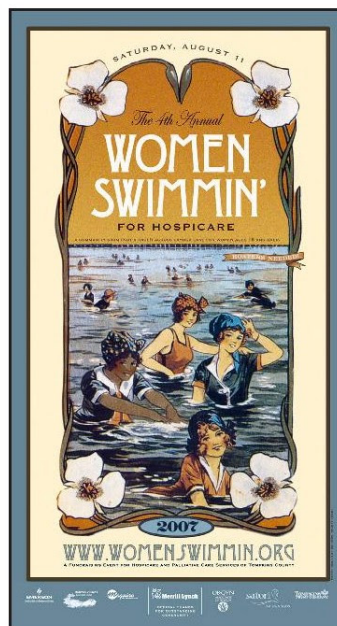
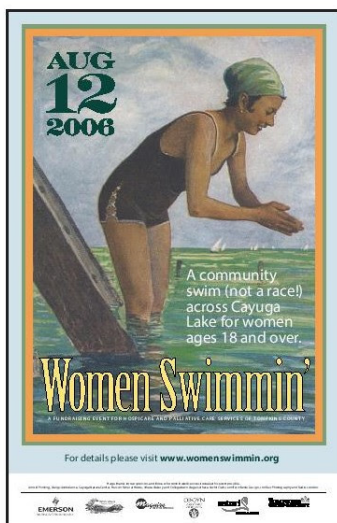
Explore the journals here: <https://www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org/online-records/collection/sherwood-account-journals?fbclid=IwAR23n5p6DV6EuDym7wKE3aOxoxCgUvHRWBbGNepOYqZVtmG3kEoPzhFg2tc>

Learn more about [Amazia Church Sherwood](#) from [this 2017 blog post](#) by the [Cayutaville Quilt and other Stories](#) website.



Women Swimmin' for Hospicare 20th Exhibit OPENING on July 12th @ Tompkins Center

Twenty Years Later: Visit Our Exhibit To Celebrate How Far We've Swum



Stop by! An entertaining and informative display commemorating the [20th annual](#)

[Women Swimmin' for Hospicare](#) will open on July 12th from 5-8pm in the atrium of the [Tompkins Center for History & Culture](#) on the Ithaca Commons featuring posters from each year and a timeline starting with the fundraising idea proposed twenty years ago by Joan Brumberg and Ann Costello. The exhibit includes photos, video and memorabilia celebrating the swims, swimmers, paddlers and boaters, fundraisers and volunteers — and Hospicare's impact on the people of Cortland and Tompkins counties.

The display will be available through September 2023. The Tompkins Center atrium is open Monday-Saturday 10am-5pm. [Located in Bank Alley on the Ithaca Commons](#), visitors can enter through the front door adjacent to the Bernie Milton Pavilion. The street address is [110 North Tioga Street, Ithaca](#).

Thanks for making the exhibit goes to display team leader Linda Mikula and team members Lorraine Heasley, Judy Stewart, Bonni Voiland, and Sara Worden; the [staff of The History Center](#); and sponsors [The Image Press](#), [Word of Mouth Catering](#) and [Jon Reis Photography](#).

[April & May Quilt Talks - Now Available on History Center YouTube Channel](#)

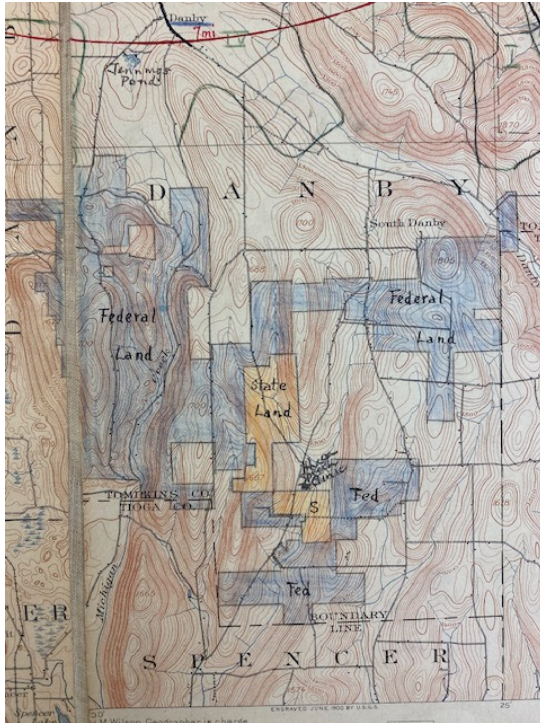
If you weren't able to attend our spring quilt talks in person never fear! They're both now available on our YouTube channel at youtube.com/@TompkinsHistory.

- [Community Quilting for Good - Quilt Talk - 5-11-2023 \(1:25:38\)](#)
- [Quilted with Care 1996 Retrospective-Quilt Talk - 4-13-2023 \(1:20:27\)](#)



We've been slowly building our YouTube channel over the last three years and adding in programs and events recorded at The History Center over the last two decades. Explore our ['Programs & Events'](#) playlist to see if you can find any past lectures you missed!

New and Noteworthy Collections



The [United States Geological Survey](#) has been creating topographical maps of the US since the 1880s. They are invaluable resources for showing the history of the land and its use.

Our [map collection](#) contains several dating back to 1893. We recently received one from 1918 that had been used by [Cornell Professor Clinton Beaumont Raymond](#). Professor Raymond, a 1913 graduate of Cornell's College of Agriculture, taught there in the Vegetable Crops Department from 1930 until his retirement in 1954. His career varied from vegetable production to extension work with home gardeners. During World War II he worked closely with urban groups helping to foster the Victory Garden program.

His map is especially interesting for our researchers, since it contains more than the usual USGS map content; it includes carefully hand-drawn boundaries (done, no doubt, by Professor Raymond himself in his work) of state and federal lands in the area.

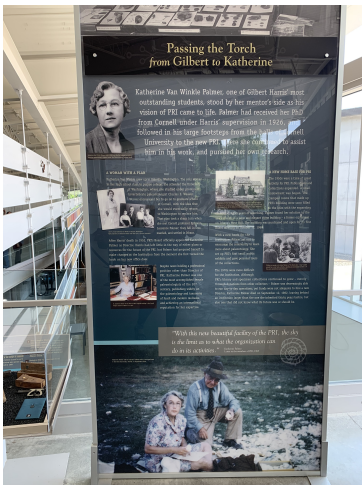
To examine our collection of USGS maps, or for more information email archives@thehistorycenter.net.

OTHER LOCAL HISTORY NEWS & UPDATES

[Caroline Historical Association to host 'Historic Walk & Talk' on July 15th.](#)

[Ithaca Fire Department commemorates 200 years of service!](#)

Paleontological Research Institute celebrates three anniversaries! 10 years since Cayuga Nature Center joined PRI, 20 years since the opening of the Museum of the Earth, and 90 years since the founding of PRI in 1932! Learn more about their history here: <https://www.priweb.org/about/history>



[Cornell Outdoor Education](#) celebrates 50th anniversary!

[Youth Opportunity Fund](#) celebrates 20th anniversary!

LOCAL HISTORY READS

- [Ithaca College men's lacrosse coach says goodbye after nearly 40 years](#) - Ithaca Voice - 6/16/2023
- [Community quilting for a cause](#) - Tompkins Weekly -

6/14/2023

- [Inspirational Trade educator retires](#) - Tompkins Weekly - 6/14/2023
- [Celebrating Big Red Pride - in June, and All Year Long](#) - Cornellians - 6/14/2023
- [Roger Payne, Who Found Out that Whales Could Sing, Dies at 88](#) - US News - 6/14/2023
- [Cornell Outdoor Education Anticipates 50th Anniversary Reunion](#) - Cornell Sun - 6/13/2023
- [Youth Opportunity Fund celebrates 20 years as a foundation](#) - Tompkins Weekly - 6/7/2023
- [Historical marker to honor African American family that produced 6 doctors](#) - The Winchester Star - 6/6/2023
- [Ithaca Fire Department Celebrates 200 Years of Service](#) - Ithaca Times - 6/6/2023

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