

Guide to the **Ithaca Sundae Research Collection**

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COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

This collection contains research materials produced by Student Historian Corson Fellows Laura Willemsen and Meredith Buchberg in 2007. There are copies of all known supporting evidence for Ithaca's claim as the home of the ice cream sundae. This includes advertisements from the Ithaca Journal (also found on microfilm at the Tompkins County Public Library), ledgers from the Platt & Colt Pharmacy and a response to a patent request for the ice cream sundae (originals at Cornell's Kroch Library), and an affidavit written by DeForest Christiance, who witnessed the creation of the first ice cream sundae (original found in The History Center's collections). This collection also contains contradictory evidence to Two Rivers, Wisconsin's claim as the home of the ice cream sundae. It also includes genealogical information and the obituary of Edward Berners, the person who is claimed to have made the ice cream sundae in Two Rivers, Wisconsin in 1881.

CONTAINER LIST

Visitor's Bureau Information	Folder 1
Copies of History Center materials (affidavit)	Folder 2
Written articles and book excerpts	Folder 3
Cornell Kroch Library information (Ledger and patent letter)	Folder 4
Genealogy Information for DeForest Christiance and Edward Berners	Folder 5
Ithaca and Two Rivers Website information regarding sundae wars	Folder 6
Miscellaneous Facts, Chester Platt's picture	Folder 7