

# The Binghamton Story Project

We are creating an archive of stories about life in Binghamton and the surrounding area. The stories will become part of a permanent archive that will be used for scholarly and historical purposes. We would also like to publish some of the stories when the opportunity arises. You can use your real name or a pseudonym if you wish to protect your identity.

The Binghamton Story Project is part of the Binghamton Neighborhood Project, which seeks to understand and improve the quality of life in our region through scientific research (<http://evolution.binghamton.edu/bnp/>). One exciting aspect of the story project is that we can relate your stories to a wealth of other information that we have about the neighborhoods of Binghamton and the surrounding region.

On the next page, you will be asked to provide some contact and background information and will be given a theme to base your story upon. The story can be any length and you are welcome to write it by computer or by hand, whichever makes you more comfortable. If you write it by computer, please e-mail it to your contact or to [heywood@binghamton.edu](mailto:heywood@binghamton.edu) . If you write it by hand, please make sure it is legible and give it to your contact or mail it to the Binghamton Story Project, c/o Leslie Heywood, Department of English, Binghamton University, Binghamton, NY 13902.

We will need your written permission to add your story to the archive and to use it for research and/or publication in the future. Names will be removed when the stories are used for research purposes. Names or pseudonyms will be used for publication. Please notify us if you change your address so we can continue to correspond with you about this wonderful project. Thanks for sharing your story!

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## Permission

I would like to add my story to the archive of the Binghamton Story Project. I understand that the story might be used for scholarly and historical purposes, for scientific research, or for publication, as described above.

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Your signature \_\_\_\_\_

## Background information

This information will provide us with a few vital statistics, help us maintain contact with you, and help us to match the time and location of your story with other information that we have about the neighborhoods of Binghamton and the surrounding region.

Your name:

Your pseudonym (if you wish to protect your identity):

Your age:

Your sex (circle one): Male    Female

Your current street address:

Your telephone number:

Your e-mail address:

Who told you about the Binghamton Story Project, or how else did you hear about it?

*Where* did your story take place (please be as precise as possible, for example by providing a street address or neighborhood).

*When* did your story take place (please be as precise as possible, such as the year and month).

## Story theme

### **United We Stand, Divided We Fall**

Nobody can survive entirely on their own. We all need help--from family, friends, neighbors, city, and government. But we don't always get that help. Sometimes we stand, and sometimes we fall. Share an experience from your life in which you were able to succeed with the help of others--or in which the lack of help caused you to fail.