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Plaque Samples



The Lenox Historic House Plaque Program



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The Lenox Historical Commission is pleased to offer property owners an Historic House Plaque for buildings constructed before 1923. We hope these plaques will promote pride of ownership and renew interest in the Town's historically significant buildings. The plaques do not impose restrictions on properties.

Date and name plaques have long expressed distinction in historic communities and provided an excellent means of public education. The information on the plaque defines the architectural and social history of the town and the date reflects a period of style in home construction.

What you need to do

Gather information on the history of your house and provide the sources of the information with your application.

What to look for

The date of construction, use of the building over time, history and occupation of original owner (or subsequent significant owners), the name of the house, if any, and the architect or builder.

Confirmation

An Historical Commission member will contact you after your Application is received to confirm date and discuss wording on the plaque. If the exact date cannot be determined, *circa* or *c.* will be used.

When to expect your plaque

4-6 weeks after confirmation, it will be shipped directly to you.

Resources

Lenox Library reference department on the second floor has atlases and books dedicated to Lenox history.

Lenox Historical Society has student research papers on town buildings, and poll tax files dating back to 1861. Tax records can suggest when a house was built on the land.

Berkshire Athenaeum, Historical Reference Department, in Pittsfield.

Pittsfield Registry of Deeds has records on land transactions.

Plaque Description

Size: 12" h x 16" w Signs can be elongated to accommodate anecdotal information, at no additional charge.

Construction: Signs are made of MDO (medium density overlay) weather-proofed wood, with 2 coats of special oil-based primer and a topcoat of oil-based enamel. Edges receive 6 coats of paint. Holes are drilled and screws provided for installation.

Color: These custom-made, hand-painted plaques have black lettering on a white background.

Cost: \$85, make check payable to **Town of Lenox**, include with your application, and send to:

Lenox Historical Commission
Town Hall, 6 Walker St
Lenox MA 01240

**Application forms may be downloaded at
www.townoflenox.com*

Historical Plaque Application

Owner: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Historic House Name: _____

Construction Date: _____

Evidence of Date: _____

Style (*e.g. Edwardian, Victorian*): _____

Architect / Builder: _____

Major Alterations (*with dates*): _____

Was building moved? _____

When and from where? _____

Use additional paper to complete information pertaining to your house.