

Historic House-Site Plaque Program

The **Hull Historical Commission** is offering the homeowners of Hull a way to acquire an HISTORIC HOUSE PLAQUE for documented historic homes or sites as a way to promote pride in our neighborhoods and renew interest in old Hull properties without imposing restrictions on these properties.

To participate in the program and obtain a plaque for a home or other structure, property owners (applicants) are asked to prove that the structure meets two or more of the criteria outlined below:

Age. The home or other structure is at least 75 years old.

Historic Event. The structure or site is associated with a particular event that has contributed to our understanding of local, regional, or national history. A marker meeting this criterion might read, for example, "Site of 1776 Burial of 200 French Soldiers."

Person(s). The structure or site is associated with the life or lives of an individual, a family, or a group who has made a notable contribution to local, regional, or national history, culture, or arts, even if the names of those persons are no longer known. In the instance of unknown names of an individual or individuals, it is the contribution or connection to history that is being noted. A marker meeting this criterion might read, for example, "c. 1725, Home of the Earliest Known Settler in the Town of Hull."

Period/Style. The structure embodies distinctive characteristics of clear, classifiable periods of architecture or styles of construction. This criterion applies to the work of noted architects or builders as well as to simpler vernacular styles. Alterations would not necessarily exclude a property unless the property no longer retains definite elements of its original style. The Hull Historical Commission will make that determination.

Cultural Landscape/Archeology. The site of the structure named in the application has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important to the understanding of our local prehistory or history of record. Such a marker might read, for example, "c. 1758, Site of the Oldest Known Iron Foundry in the Town of Hull" or "1899-1929, Site of the Boston Yacht Club."

In researching their properties, applicants are advised to consult all historical sources available at the Hull Public Library (e.g. a hard copy of the Historic Building Survey Inventory in Hull is available here); the website of the Massachusetts Historical Commission (the MACRIS link lists historical buildings in Hull); the Assessors Office at Town Hall (a list of owners of a property is often available).

Deeds, mortgages, and all other public documents pertaining to land titles are

copied and recorded at the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds. Information from the Registry of Deeds may also be available on the website. A deed search is the most straightforward way to establish the property's ownership.

Wills of the deceased, inventories of their earthly goods, and lists of their next of kin are part of the records within the Plymouth County Registry of Probate. Most of the original papers from more than a century ago have been transferred to the Commonwealth Archives (Columbia Point, Dorchester, opposite the JFK Library) and are available there. County clerks can help to retrieve specific files for study with some advance notice.

Specifications:

Dimensions: Approx. 12" wide x 12" high

Materials: ½" MDO weatherproof maritime signboard: 2 coats of oil-based primer, finished with 1 coat of oil-based enamel. Edges are resin-sealed and double-coated. Picture molding frame represents a roof peak.

Hardware: Holes are pre-drilled and (2) 2 ½ " coated wood screws are provided.

Colors: White background with black lettering

Research: Documentation of age for the home or site must be provided by the applicant with this application. The Hull Historical Commission will review and certify the eligibility.

Please enclose a check for **\$90.00** (includes shipping) **payable to Town of Hull/Historical Plaques Program** and mail to: Historic Plaques Program, Hull Historical Commission, 253 Atlantic Ave., Hull, MA 02045.

-----Please complete this portion and return -----

Name: _____

Name of Owner if different: _____

Address *:

_____ Zip: _____

Telephone: (C) _____ (H) _____

email _____

Date Purchased and from whom:

Researched Information about the Property (attach copies of the documents):

Owner's research will result in the following information being placed on the plaque **

Line 1: Built for, Built by, Home of

Line 2: Name of original homeowner(s)

Line 3: Occupation of original homeowner
(optional) _____

Line 4: Date of construction _____

To be indicated at bottom of each plaque as acknowledgement and proof of eligibility:
Hull Historical Commission

**Shipments will be made directly to this address unless otherwise requested. Installation on street side of home is recommended.*

*** Please note: the information to be painted on the plaques is not restricted to the above format. Please contact a Hull Historical Commission member or write other suggestions on the application.*

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