

Your home has made history!

Your home is not just a house, it's a part of the living history of our Town of Wakefield. In order to promote an awareness of our town's architectural heritage and to celebrate the town's history, the **Wakefield Historical Commission** is offering homeowners two opportunities to achieve recognition for their property. *Houses and buildings constructed **before 1921** are eligible for inclusion in the program.*

- 1. Acquire a Historical House Marker.** Documentation of the age of the home is required. (Deed, town directory, map, building permit, survey, chain-of-title, etc.)
**If you don't know the exact age of the home, the word "circa" may be added.*

Once the date is approved by the Wakefield Historical Commission, you'll be eligible to participate in the program.

The hand-painted house signs will measure approximately 12" wide by 12" high and be fabricated of 1/2" MDO weatherproof maritime signboard, and will cost \$67.00 postpaid.



*Sample, shown here, is a sketch.
The three-dimensional
hand-painted sign includes trim molding at 'roofline.'*

For more information, and the House Marker application form, visit <http://www.wakefieldhistory.org/historichouseplaque.pdf>. Further examples, and photos of the actual signs are available at <http://www.wakefieldhistory.org>.

If you have questions, or would like an order form mailed to you, call 617-548-2083 or email HistoricalCommission@wakefield.ma.us.

Enrollment in the Wakefield Historical Commission's Historic House Marker Program places no restrictions upon your property.

2. Apply to add your property to the Town's List of Significant Historic Sites.

The Town's List, which appears on the Historical Commission website and is also on file with the Massachusetts Historical Commission, is a sign of special recognition for the age, historical significance and preservation of your property.

This is an honorary status, and offers your property a measure of protection against complete demolition by some future owner, by providing a 6-month delay to seek alternative solutions.

**Properties must be at least 100 years old to qualify. Any additions to the list are at the sole discretion of the Wakefield Historical Commission.*

Questions?

**Email HistoricalCommission@wakefield.ma.us,
write to us at P.O. Box 2031, Wakefield, MA 01880 or call 617-548-2083.**