

CHATHAM HISTORIC HOUSE SIGNS



CHATHAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Chatham, Massachusetts 02633

First Owner → Myrick Nickerson
Building's Function (Residence, Market, etc.) → House
Date → c. 1788

The Chatham Historic House Sign program encourages and assists owners of buildings at least one hundred years old to acquire a unique sign that in three lines summarizes the history of their building. Each Historic House sign is unique, custom made for a specific Chatham building. The signs depicted in this pamphlet are only one type of available signs. Owners of properties built at least one hundred years ago are free to put up whatever sign they wish, subject to compliance with town ordinances. No permit is required for Historic House signs.

CAPTAIN
DAVID CROWELL
Homestead
c. 1823

WALTER HINCKLEY
Stable
c. 1849

MARCUS HOWARD
Market
c. 1885

ISAAC HARDY
House
c. 1800

JOSEPHINE
ATKINS KENT
House
c. 1845

CAPTAIN
SETH ELDRIDGE
PORT ROYALE
c. 1863

BREWSTER
HOUSE
c. 1842

FRANKLYN NICKERSON
Market
c. 1850

Eligibility

Only Chatham buildings 100 years old and older are approved by the Historical Commission as eligible for an official Historic House sign - not to be confused with the round Chatham Tercentennial Commemorative plaque.

How Many Buildings are Eligible?

The Historical Commission recognizes about 650 taxable Chatham buildings eligible for signs.

Why are These Signs Important?

They are visible histories that identify earliest predecessors, show the changes brought by time, connect us directly to years and centuries past, and strengthen the sense of history that makes Chatham such a very special place.

Need Help?

Contact us at housesignquery092@gmail.com



Finding Your Building's History

If you need help researching the history of your building or home, the Historic Property Surveys, created by the Chatham Historical Commission and the Town of Chatham, are a great resource. They cover many, but not all of the properties in Chatham.

You can access the surveys online at <http://mhc-macris.net>, the Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System (MACRIS). This online system allows you to search the Massachusetts Historical Commission database for information on historic properties and areas in the Commonwealth.

The hard copy of the property surveys can be accessed at the Eldredge Public Library (564 Main Street, Chatham). Please contact the Reference Librarian (508-945-5170) if you need assistance either online or with the forms.

Mounting Your Sign

You are encouraged to mount your historic house sign on your building's exterior, preferably at eye level on either side of the front door or door facing the street.

CHATHAM HISTORIC HOUSE SIGNS ORDER FORM

Size: 11" x 7-1/2", Drilled for Mounting

Material: Durable White PVC & Black Vinyl Letters

Price: \$85 (includes tax)
Additional Charge for Installation

Hardware: 2 Stainless Steel Screws
& Covers for Exterior Wall Mounting

Print and complete this form and mail or bring your check and copy of the history record to:
CHATHAM SIGN SHOP | 40 KENT PLACE, CHATHAM MA 02633

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Address of Historic Building: _____

Name of First Owner: _____

Function of the Building (eg: Residence, Market): _____

Date of Construction: _____

For questions about payment,
delivery and installation, contact
Chatham Sign Shop | 508-945-1909

For all other questions, email
housesignquery092@gmail.com

The Chatham Historical Commission has approved the design of the historic house sign and determined eligibility. The Town and the Commission have no financial interests in the House Sign programs. Thus, the responsibility for coordination of the ordering, payment, delivery and installation rests solely between the historic building owners and the Chatham Sign Shop.