

HUDSON HERITAGE ASSOCIATION MARKERS FOR HISTORIC STRUCTURES

The mission of Hudson Heritage Association is to preserve and enhance the historic character of the buildings, streetscape and architecture of the Western Reserve community of Hudson. One of the ways we work to achieve this mission is to promote and support accurate research pertaining to Hudson's historic architecture.

HHA invites you to uncover the hidden stories of your home by investigating its past, how it was built, and who lived there. This process of discovery is fascinating and rewarding; therefore, we encourage you to conduct your own research. However, if you prefer to hire an accredited researcher, please contact the HHA Survey and Research Committee regarding availability and referrals.

STANDARDS / CRITERIA

The Survey and Research Committee of Hudson Heritage Association awards HHA markers to historic buildings that fulfill the following criteria:

1. The structure is presently located in Hudson and must have been built before 1910.
2. If the building has been moved, its original site must have been in Hudson or in a township adjacent to Hudson.
3. Both residential and commercial structures can qualify for a marker.
4. An architectural inspection must be made by an HHA-approved, qualified representative early in the discovery process and before a marker is awarded in order to confirm that enough of the original structure remains to justify its designation as a historic building.
5. NOTE: The marker will remain the property of HHA. If at any time the structure is altered in any way that substantially detracts from its appearance at the time the marker was awarded, HHA reserves the right to remove the marker.
6. No award will be made without the cooperation and consent of the owner.

GUIDELINES

Additional guidelines will be used to determine eligibility for an HHA marker:

1. The building should have some historical or architectural significance regardless of its condition, provided it can be restored in such a way as to be essentially the same structure in appearance.
2. It should be an example of a style or type of architecture reflective of its time period.
3. If it has been restored, the restoration should reflect the original character and style, and incorporate period-appropriate materials, according to the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and the City of Hudson's Architectural and Historic Board of Review.
4. If it has been adapted to modern use or to some other purpose, the adaptation should not have erased the essential character of the building.

COSTS / POLICY

Costs vary based on who conducts research and creates the report:

Option 1 - If the property owner does his/her own research, or independently hires a researcher, the HHA standard format must be followed. The HHA Survey and Research Committee will evaluate the work based on quality and consistency of documentation.

- Application Fee = \$150
Includes site visit and architectural survey report, photography;
due with application
 - Research Verification = \$100
 - HHA Marker, 2 printed reports = \$150
- Total = \$400

Option 2 - If HHA conducts all research, generates the complete report and awards an HHA Historic Marker, the cost will be \$1000. This cost includes all fees listed above, plus tax and deed research at a rate of \$20 per hour.

Historic Markers are awarded at the discretion of the Board of Directors of Hudson Heritage Association. The naming of the home (which will appear on the marker) is at the complete discretion of HHA.

All Markers remain the property of the Hudson Heritage Association and may be removed at any time.

HHA does not guarantee a time frame for completing reports or conducting initial research. The amount of time required depends on the complexity of the research, the nature of the property and the availability of HHA volunteers to either conduct the work or supervise its completion.

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