



Chatham's Historic House Signs

Eligibility

Only Chatham buildings 100 years 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 100 years or older that are 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

ELNATHAN MAYO

Minister's Home

c. 1840

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

until 1961

c. 1879

OLD VILLAGE
SCHOOL

c. 1869

GEORGE N. KENT

House and Store

Moved here 1852

c. 1800

Capt. ELIJAH SMALL

The Travelers Home
for Retired Sailors

c. 1830

TOWN OFFICES

SAMUEL HIGGINS

Family House

1840

BUILDER UNKNOWN

Dwelling

mid 1700's

COLONEL

BENJAMIN GODFREY

WINDMILL

Moved here 1956

1797

WALTER HINCKLEY

Stable & Blacksmith

c. 1849

Capt. ISAIAH LEWIS

Prospect House

c. 1818



CHATHAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Chatham, Massachusetts 02633

CHATHAM'S HISTORIC HOUSE SIGNS

For buildings 100 years and older

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:

First owner (e.g. FRANKLYN NICKERSON)
building's function (e.g., Residence, Market)
Date (e.g., 1754, 1850, 1915)

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.



Helpful Tips

Finding Your Building's History

Proof of building dates can be found in the Assessors' Office, or in the Assessment records in the Town of Chatham website.

For the earliest owner and your building's history, you should start with The Town of Chatham's Historic Properties Surveys in the Eldredge Library's Reference Room. The Reference Librarian will assist you if you run into difficulty, and can copy and scan documents and fax or mail information to people not in town.

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.

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Historic House Sign Description:

Size 11" x 7" x 1/2", drilled for mounting
Color: white with black letters & border
Price: (includes tax) \$85.00
Hardware: 2 non-rusting screws for exterior wall mount;
2 plastic screw hole covers
Made of durable PVC & boating letters

Additional charge for Installation

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.

FRANKLYN NICKERSON

Market

c. 1850

2 Ways to order:

Print and Complete this order form and mail your check and copy of the history record to:

Chatham Sign Shop
40 Kent Place
Chatham, MA 02633

Print and Complete this order form and bring your check and copy of the history record to:

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Your name:

Your address:

Your telephone or mobile number:

Your e-mail:

Address of Historic Building:

The **name** of the first owner:

The **function** of the building:

The **date**:

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

For all other questions e-mail — housesignquery092@gmail.com