

## **Woodbridge Township Historic Preservation Commission**

### **Historic House Plaque Program for Historic Structures**

The Commission is ready to assist residents in noting the historical significance of their homes. Our goal is to encourage research and appreciation of the diversity of stories our architecture can tell about our history. To be included in the program and obtain a metal plaque for your home, the structure should fulfill two or more of the following criteria:

**Age:** Generally structures built 50 or more years ago.

**Event:** Structure or site is associated with an historic event that contributed significantly to Woodbridge Township history, regional or national history.

**Persons:** Structure or site is associated with the life of a person or group who made a notable contribution to Woodbridge Township history, regional or national history, even if the names of those persons are no longer known.

**Style:** Structure embodies distinctive characteristics of architectural or construction types, to include both the work of noted architects or simpler, vernacular styles.

**Historical Significance and/or Archeology:** Site has yielded or is likely to yield important information in Woodbridge Township history or pre-history. Some sources in researching your property are *How To Research the History of a House* by the New Jersey Historic Preservation Office. This is available on line at <http://www.nj.gov/dep/hpo/4sustain/housereseach.pdf>. Some Middlesex County deeds can be searched online at <https://mcrecords.co.middlesex.nj.us/records/index.jsp>. Older deeds can be researched in the Deed Room of the Middlesex county Clerk's Office. It is located at 75 Bayard Street, New Brunswick, NJ. Deed room has indexes available for view dating back to 1784. Deed room hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday except for legal holidays. The Commission would appreciate photocopies of any relevant pages to expedite our review process.

The cost of the plaque will be \$275.00. This will cover the cost of the historical research, the plaque, and administrative expenses. The Commission will review applications at our regularly scheduled meetings which are generally held on the first Friday of each month. We will notify you if a site visit is necessary to determine eligibility. You will be notified by HPC of approval of your application and when the plaque will be available. If your application is not approved, your payment will be returned within 60 days. Note: The plaque is to be installed by the homeowner.

Please return this completed application and fee of \$275.00 made out to: **Woodbridge Township Historic Preservation Commission** to the following address:

**Historic Preservation Commission**  
**582 Rahway Ave.**  
**Woodbridge, NJ 07095**  
**Phone: 732-634-4500 ext. 2126**  
**Website: [www.wthpc.org](http://www.wthpc.org)**  
**Email: [wthpc1669@hotmail.com](mailto:wthpc1669@hotmail.com)**

**Woodbridge Township Historic Preservation Commission  
Historic House Plaque Application**

**Please complete the application below and attach a photo of your home (if possible) and additional information as required.**

For the building located at \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of Homeowner \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide as much information as possible for the residence listed above. The information should be documented to the best of your knowledge.**

Date (approximate) house was constructed: \_\_\_\_\_

Builder (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

List of previous owners (if known), approximate dates of their ownership: \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe the building (be sure to include any unusual or notable features): \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe the historical significance (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

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**WTHPC USE ONLY**

**Application ID No:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reviewed By:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Include in Inventory (Master Plan) of Historic Places?**

**YES or NO**

**WTHPC Action:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_