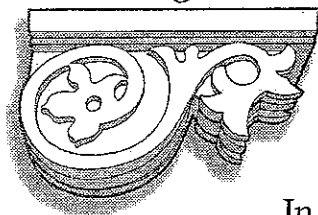


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Dear Historical Society Members:

In a new project which the Society is currently launching, owners of Danville historic properties at least 100 years old are invited to mark their building facades with a custom crafted bronze plaque featuring the date of original construction and “thumbnail” histories identifying these buildings and their original owners for passersby and tourists. The DHS drew inspiration from successful model programs such as that in Wilmington, North Carolina, where more than 200 such markers have been installed over the years, adding to the enthusiasm for that historic port city’s architecture and providing a handy way for visitors to learn about the city’s heritage even without brochures or booklets.

Though the current cost of each 10” by 16” plaque is \$307.50, the Historical Society will subsidize the major part of the costs for the first ten individuals who complete applications within a calendar year. As a society member, any owner of a historic structure is asked to contribute only \$99; nonmembers will pay \$134 (which includes a one-year family membership in the DHS).

Enclosed you will find an informational brochure about the plaque program. For additional information you may write the Society or contact any member of the plaque committee: Bill Trakas (791-5741), Gary Grant (799-3379), Ann Garbett (797-5770).

I thank you for your support in helping to make this “Sidewalk Tour of Danville’s Heritage” a reality.

Yours sincerely,

Bill

W. S. Trakas, President
Danville Historical Society

Plaque Program...

Researching the history of an historic building can be an exciting and rewarding learning experience, and the DHS plaque program provides a great way to document that history. To start the process, answers to some of the most commonly asked questions about the DHS plaque program are listed below.

How do I know if a building is eligible for a Historical Society plaque?

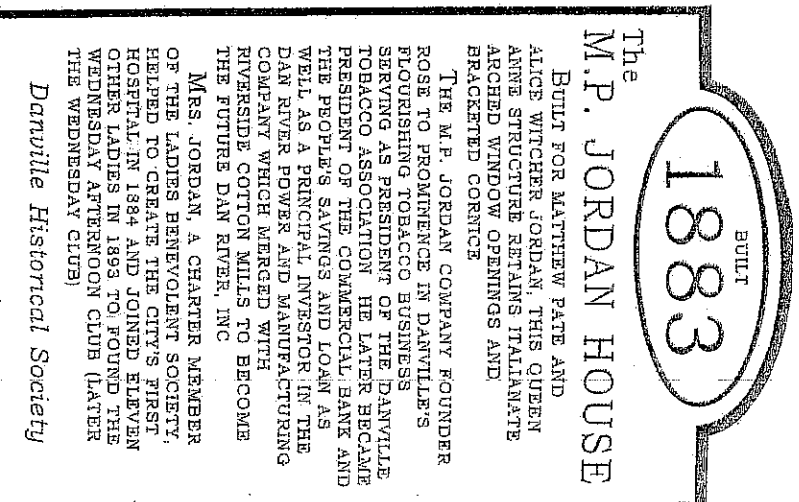
Buildings at least 100 years old that are located in one of the City of Danville's designated historic districts are eligible for a DHS plaque. Initially, preference will be given to buildings within the Old West End Historic District.

Who does the research for the plaque text?

Research is completed by the owner and submitted to the DHS plaque committee for review.

The application is designed to lead you step-by-step in your re-

search. If you prefer, we can put you in touch with someone who will research the information for you for a fee. When you complete the research, you submit it to the plaque committee for review. If the Committee needs more information, a member will contact you and explain what information you need to present before their next meeting.



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All house markers (10" by 14") are

custom manufactured by the Erie Landmark Company of Columbia, Pennsylvania

Pictured above is the plaque installed at 130 Holbrook Avenue in Danville

Who decides on the wording of the plaque?
After the Committee approves the research, it will compose a plaque text for the building. The Society will send you a copy of the approved text to review. If you have any questions or suggestions concerning the plaque text, the committee will work with you. When pleased with the final product, the applicant will submit payment to the DHS, which will proceed with ordering the cast plaque.

How much does a plaque cost?

The price of a new plaque is currently \$307.50. This is the actual cost of the plaque; this program generates no income for the Society. In order to encourage participation in the plaque program, however, the Society is willing to pay up to \$208.50 of that amount for the first ten (10) applicants each calendar year.

How long does the process take?

The Plaque Committee meets bi-monthly to review plaque applications. The Committee reviews applications in the order they are received, and it is common for the process to take several months.

What happens to the researched information after my plaque is approved?

The information you gather is a permanent record on your building and will be available to historians and researchers for years to come. The application and all additional information generated by your research will be filed permanently with the Society.