



MICHIGAN HERITAGE HOME™ APPLICATION

The Historical Society of Michigan's Michigan Heritage Home™ program recognizes our state's historic domestic architecture. A home must be at least one hundred years old to qualify for recognition and its exterior must be substantially original in appearance. This form describes the requirements necessary for a home to be recognized by the Historical Society of Michigan with a Michigan Heritage Home plaque. The Michigan Heritage Home program is not affiliated with the State Register of Historic Places or the National Register of Historic Places. Recognition is strictly honorary and does not limit the homeowner from making alterations to the home, nor does it qualify homeowners for any type of financial incentives such as grants, property tax assessment freezes, or tax rebates.

SECTION ONE: HOUSE INFORMATION

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

PIN [Property Index Number]: _____

Property Description: _____

An example of a PIN: 09-08-316-003-000.

Examples of property descriptions: "Lot 7, Block 42, B. C. Hoyt's 2nd Addition to the City of St. Joseph, Michigan" (urban); "Northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 10 of Township 9 North, Range 10 East" (rural).

You can find your Property Description and PIN on your property deed or your property tax bill. It is necessary to have this information as your street address may have changed in the past, but your property's description and PIN has not.

SECTION TWO: APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of Applicant(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

Name(s) of Researcher (if different than applicant): _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

SECTION THREE: PHOTOGRAPHS

Please attach current photographs of your home taken from all four sides, if possible. If you have any historic photographs of your home, please attach a copy (not the original) of those as well. Photos sent will not be returned.

SECTION FOUR: HOUSE HISTORY

Year Built: _____ This is determined as a part of your detailed research into the history of your home. If, following extensive research it is not possible to ascertain the exact year of construction, the Historical Society of Michigan will consider recognizing a "circa" date of a limited time span, e.g., research shows that your house was built between 1908 and 1912, the home would be marked as "c. 1910." A circa date will only be considered after all reasonable avenues for determining the exact year of construction have been exhausted to HSM's satisfaction.

Original Owner(s): _____

Name for House*: _____

***Plaque Name Guidelines**

The plaque will bear the surname of the original owner in keeping with the terminology used by the National Register of Historic Places. The Michigan Heritage Home™ program's established policy is to keep the language consistent with the naming of dwellings as a "house" and using the "surname" of the original owner. Example: "Smith House". The only accepted variation is if the house itself was named by the original owner as in Thomas Jefferson's "Monticello".

SECTION FIVE: DESCRIPTION OF HOUSE

Foundation:

___ Limestone ___ Field Stone ___ Cut Stone ___ Brick ___ Concrete ___ Concrete Block
___ Other: _____

Exterior Walls:

___ Wood siding ___ Vinyl siding ___ Aluminum siding ___ Stucco ___ Stone ___ Brick
___ Concrete block
___ Other: _____

Roof:

___ Asphalt shingle ___ Wood shingle ___ Metal ___ Slate ___ Tile ___ Rubber membrane
___ Other: _____

SECTION SIX: ALTERATIONS

Has your house been significantly altered beyond its original character?

Yes No

Please list significant alterations to the exterior of your house:

Has your house been moved to its current location?

Yes No

If yes, please describe its original location:

SECTION SEVEN: ARCHITECTURAL CLASSIFICATION

Architectural Style(s):

Log Cabin Federal Greek Revival Gothic Revival Italianate
 Octagon Second Empire Queen Anne Stick Shingle
 Romanesque Colonial Revival Cape Cod Neoclassical Revival
 Tudor Revival Dutch Colonial Craftsman Prairie Spanish Revival
 Italian Revival International Style
 Other (specify): _____

Vernacular Building Form/Type(s):

Gable-Front and Gabled Ell Folk Victorian Foursquare Bungalow
 Other. Explain (if necessary): _____

Typical architectural features:

Any unusual or notable architectural features your home possesses:

SECTION EIGHT: SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE

An association with a notable person or event is not necessary for a Michigan Heritage Home certification, but if you believe your home was owned or occupied by a person (or people) of historical significance, use the space below to explain. Please attach research sources as well.

Person's(s') Name(s): _____

Years the person(s) resided in the house: _____

Person's(s') Significance: _____

SECTION NINE: HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE

If you believe your home has significant historical or cultural value, please explain in the space below. Please attach research sources as well.

SECTION TEN: SIGNIFICANT BUILDER

If you believe your home was designed or constructed by a notable builder, please explain below. Please attach research sources as well.

Builder's Name: _____

Builder's Significance: _____

SECTION ELEVEN: SIGNIFICANT ARCHITECT

If you believe your home was designed or constructed by a notable architect, please explain below. Please attach research sources as well.

Architect's Name: _____

Architect's Significance: _____

__ I have enclosed copies of primary source documentation verifying the construction date of the house and name(s) of the original owners (city directories, newspaper articles, property tax rolls, census records, etc. that are contemporary to the date of construction).

SECTION TWELVE: PERMISSION TO LIST ADDRESS

PLEASE NOTE: By applying for Michigan Heritage Home designation, you agree to have your name and city included in Historical Society of Michigan lists, publications, website, and other communications. Your address will not be published unless you provide permission below:

I agree to allow the Historical Society of Michigan to include my address in publications, websites, or other communications: Yes No.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

SECTION THIRTEEN: PAYMENT INFORMATION

Please send a total payment of **\$443.70** with this application. This payment encompasses the \$395 fee, \$23.70 Michigan sales tax, and \$25 for shipping and handling. Please mail payment information to:

Historical Society of Michigan,
7435 Westshire Dr.
Lansing, MI 48917

Your sign payment can be submitted via check or money order. Do NOT send cash. To charge the fee to a major credit card, please see below:

Credit Card Type: Visa Master Card American Express Discover Credit Card
Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____ CVV Code: _____
Billing Zip Code: _____

I authorize the Historical Society of Michigan to charge the Michigan Heritage Home Application Fee to my credit card.

Signature: _____
Date: _____