



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 100 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 list of Michigan State Historic Sites 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 1: 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 PIN and Property Description on your property deed or your property tax bill. It is necessary to have this information since your street address may have changed in the past, but your property's description and PIN have not.

SECTION 2: APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of Applicant(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

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

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

SECTION 3: 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 copies (not originals) of those as well. Photos you send will not be returned.

SECTION 4: HOUSE HISTORY

Year Built: _____. This date 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 (HSM) will consider recognizing a “circa” date of a limited time span, e.g. if 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*:

*The surname of the first owner(s). Example: “Smith House”.

SECTION 5: DESCRIPTION OF HOUSE

Foundation:

Limestone Fieldstone Cut stone Brick Concrete Concrete block
 Other (specify): _____

Exterior Walls:

Wood siding Vinyl siding Aluminum siding Stucco Stone Brick
 Concrete block
 Other (specify): _____

Roof:

Asphalt shingle Wood shingle Metal Slate Tile Rubber membrane
 Other (specify): _____

SECTION 6: ALTERATIONS

Has your house been significantly altered beyond its original character?

Yes No

If yes, please list any 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 7: 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 (specify): _____

Typical architectural features:

Any unusual or notable architectural features your home possesses:

SECTION 8: 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 9: 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 10: 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 11: 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 12: PERMISSION TO LIST ADDRESS

PLEASE NOTE: By applying for a Michigan Heritage Home designation, you agree to have your name and city included in Historical Society of Michigan lists and publications, on the HSM website, and in 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, on the website, or in other communications: Yes No.

SECTION 13: SIGNATURE

Signature: _____ Date: _____

SECTION 14: 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 the 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: _____

Billing Zip Code: _____

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

Signature: _____

Date: _____