



## Hudson Historical Commission Historical House Marker Program

### Program Description

The Hudson Historical Commission is tasked by the Massachusetts General Laws and Town Bylaws with identifying, preserving, and promoting the historical and archaeological assets of the Town. The Historical House Marker Program supports those goals by showcasing historically and architecturally significant properties in the Town of Hudson to both residents and visitors.

In 2018, the Historical Commission began researching historical properties in town and securing Community Preservation Committee (CPC) funding for historical building markers. You may see these completed markers on important public and private buildings in town, including Hudson Town Hall, Hudson Fire Station #1, and the Colonel Adelbert Mossman House.

The Historical House Marker Program builds on this effort by allowing homeowners to directly purchase historic markers for their homes. The markers celebrate Hudson's history and further beautify Hudson's most important homes, without use of public funds. The markers place no legal restrictions whatsoever on private properties.

### Historical House Marker Design

Each marker measures 9" high by 12" wide and is made of a low-maintenance composite material. The marker includes black text and a black border on a white background, and a color image of the Town of Hudson seal. Mounting holes are pre-drilled. The markers are produced by Sign Logic of Hudson (9 Bonazzoli Avenue).

At a minimum, the marker includes the words "Hudson Historical Commission," the name of the building, the exact or approximate date of construction, and the historical function and/or architectural style of the building. The marker may include other historical information (up to four short lines) about the building and any associated events, owners, inhabitants, builders, architects, and/or designers. Please see a sample marker below.



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## **Requirements**

### ***Completed Application and Payment:***

Fill out the attached one-page application. You do not need to include these two informational pages as part of your application. Please include all historical information you are aware of, plus copies or scans of any supporting historical documents, including photographs or postcards if you have them. Please do not enclose original historical documents. The Town of Hudson and Hudson Historical Commission are not liable for the loss of or damage to any historical documents.

Enclose a check for \$100.94 (\$95.00 for the marker plus \$6.94 in sales tax) payable to Sign Logic. Please include the property address in the memo line of your check so we can match your payment to your application, especially if you are submitting your application electronically.

You may return your completed application and check by mail to:

Hudson Historical Commission  
Hudson Town Hall  
78 Main Street  
Hudson, MA 01749

Alternatively, you may return your completed application electronically (in Word or PDF format only) by email to Amanda Molina Dumas at [adumas@townofhudson.org](mailto:adumas@townofhudson.org). However, if you email your application you will still have to submit your check by mail. You may also reach Amanda by phone at (978) 562-2989 if you have any questions.

***Research:*** Once the Historical Commission receives your application with suggested marker language, we will research to confirm the information is accurate. As the Historical Commission is composed of volunteers, this process may take a few months. You may help speed up the process by doing your own research using the following resources: [Massachusetts Historical Commission MACRIS database](#), Hudson Public Library, Hudson Historical Society, deeds, census records, maps, personal papers, historic photographs and postcards, and related documents.

***Approvals:*** Sign Logic will produce a full proof of the sign which requires owner and Historical Commission approval before the sign is produced. If your property is located within the Silas Felton Historic District, the proof will also need to be approved by the Historic District Commission before the sign is produced. [Please see a map of the Historic District here.](#) Historic District Commission approval is the responsibility of the owner, though the Historical Commission may be able to assist in limited cases.

***Installation:*** Marker must be installed on the exterior of the home in a place visible to the public from the street. Installation is the responsibility of the owner, though the Historical Commission may be able to assist in limited cases, and can offer advice on where and how to install the marker on wood and brick buildings.



**Hudson Historical Commission  
Historical House Marker Program  
Application**

Application Date \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner Name, if Different \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Historical House Address, if Different from Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

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**Suggested Historical Marker Information**

Construction date \_\_\_\_\_

Property name (original owners or historic name) \_\_\_\_\_

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Original builder, architect, and/or designer \_\_\_\_\_

Historical information about the property and/or any associated events, owners, inhabitants, builders, architects, and/or designers (up to four short lines)

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*Please attach copies or scans of any supporting historical documents, if available.*