

FAQ's

- Does my 20 yr. old home qualify for a plaque?
Minimum age of structure is 50 years or older.
- Does my home need to be 100% original?
A minimum of 51% of the home needs to be original.
- Are there remodeling restrictions placed on my home upon being plaqued?
Not as long as you maintain original architectural style of home.
- Ease of Resale of my home?
MCHS plaque is honorary, no restrictions are placed upon the home.
- Must I have knowledge of the entire history of my home?
Minimum history must include the original owner name.
- Cost of Plaque?
Minimal cost associated with plaquing is only for purchase of custom plaque
- Assistance available for filling out application?
Yes

Additional Questions?

Contact the McHenry County Historical Society
(815) 923-2267



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Plaquing Your Home



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Resources

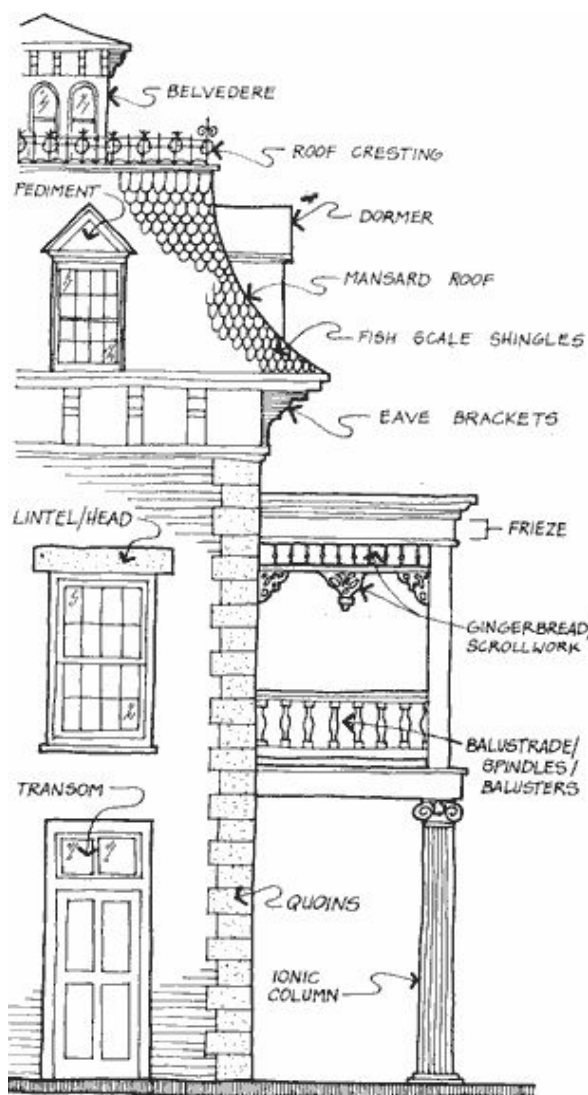
- **Visit the local Courthouse:**
 - County Recorder, County Treasurer, County Tax Assessor,
 - Tax Records, Building Permits, Deed History, plats of subdivision, Property's abstract
- **Visit the local Historical Society:**
 - Pictures, Possible Histories, Old local newspapers
- **Search Online:**
 - Google, Census Records, Obituaries, Birth, Marriage & Death Records, Newspaper Archives
 - Chroniclingamerica.loc.gov, Hertiagequest.com, Cyndislist.com,
- **Visit the local Library:**
 - Local Newspaper Archives, Maps, Local Family Histories, Heritage Quest Online
- **Contact Information:**

McHenry County Tax Assessor's Office
2100 N. Seminary Ave, Woodstock, IL

McHenry County Recorder's Office
667 Ware Road, Woodstock, IL

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Benefits

Plaquing a historic site or structure is an excellent means of calling attention to the heritage of McHenry County. It is not a legal proceeding, and thus does not interfere with the buying and selling of the property. The plaque will remain with and on the structure or site...not with the owner of the property at the time of plaquing.

Plaquing by the McHenry County Historical Society does not make the site eligible for reductions in property taxes. Plaquing also does not require you to open the site or structure to the public. Plaquing does not prohibit the owner from altering the structure or site (i.e., remodeling or additions). If alterations are made which detract from the architectural or historic integrity of the structure or site, you may forfeit your privilege of displaying the plaque if it no longer meets the Minimum Standard for plaquing.

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