



SMITHFIELD HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION HISTORIC MARKER PROGRAM APPLICATION

The Town of Smithfield Historic Preservation Commission is offering a Historic Marker program for homes and properties that are listed on our Historic Inventory. We are proud to offer this program to recognize the historic buildings in our town and celebrate our rich history. The plaque is an 11x16 inch oval, with a decorative molded edge, made of a durable and weather resistant PVC material. The plaques are painted slightly off white, silk screened with black borders and lettering, featuring a green town crest. All building names and dates are hand painted in black paint by a local Rhode Island Artist.

Any building appearing on the Smithfield Historic Inventory will have an application reviewed. If your building does not appear on the inventory, and you feel this is an error, please contact the SHPC and we will address this issue. The Smithfield Historic Inventory can be found online at: http://smithfieldri.com/pdf/history/Smithfield_Historic_Inventory.pdf

Historical Marker Program Details:

- Fee is \$35 to have the home/building name and date hand painted. Please make checks payable to the Town of Smithfield.
- Any documented information, family lore, copies of original deeds, photographs, etc. are encouraged to be attached when submitting the application, as this helps the SHPC research your home.
- In some cases your home may be quite a bit older, or even newer than you may be aware. As the markers are subject to approval by the SHPC, the name and date most appropriate with our research will appear on your marker.
- Occasionally, the history of a property may warrant two names appearing, for example - Smithfield Exchange Bank / Waterman Tavern. This happens when more than one occupant or use of the building is deemed significant to the history of Smithfield.
- Marker Applications are subject to approval by the SHPC, a significantly altered home may not qualify, in this instance the fee will be reimbursed.
- Having an historic marker on your property will impart no additional restrictions or regulations by the Town of Smithfield on the property owner, or the building eligible for marking.

- It may take up to 6 weeks for your marker to arrive, as the SHPC is a volunteer commission and in some cases will have to travel to the Central Falls Town Hall, or the Rhode Island Historical Society etc. as they compile research for all applications. If you would like to assist in these efforts, you are more than welcome to research your property and email any findings to Vice Chair Katie Law at Smithfieldroots@gmail.com as your application is in progress. You will be notified by phone or email when your plaque has been completed.
- Plaques will have pre-drilled holes and screws will be included for installation. Placement of the plaque will be on the outside of your home, approximately at eye level, facing the street. If your property has landscaping or architectural features that would be obstacles or impede the view, it is acceptable to move the plaque to a more visible location on the outside of the building. You may contact the Commission for placement or installation suggestions.
- Replacements will be available, but cost for any replacement will be subject to review.



The Smithfield Historic Preservation Commission is a not-for-profit Town Commission. The debut of this Historic Marker Program was a great effort by the Smithfield Historic Preservation Commission over the last year. The commission strives to provide the residents of Smithfield with markers of the highest quality available, while keeping the cost born to the applicants at the lowest possible price point. This was made possible by the generosity of a local benefactor, who donated funds to cover the bulk of silk screening the markers, while a local company in Smithfield was kind enough to cut the raw material into beautifully routed ovals at no cost. The fee of \$35.00 (thirty five dollars) paid by each applicant goes directly toward covering the materials cost and for the artist who will be hand painting the name and appropriate date on your marker.

Please make your check payable to the “Town of Smithfield” with a memo noting SHPC Marker Program. You can mail your completed application with check to:

SHPC Historic Marker Program
 C/O Planning Department
 Smithfield Town Hall
 64 Farnum Pike
 Smithfield, RI 02917

For any questions and further information, please contact: Sharon Gilmore (401) 233-1005, or see our website at: <https://www.smithfieldri.com/planner/smithfield-historic-preservation-commission/>

Please Print Legibly

Property Address _____

Current Property Owner's Name _____

Mailing address _____
(if different than property address)

Phone Number (Home) _____

Phone Number (Cell) _____

Phone Number (Other) _____

Email Address _____

Supporting documents attached:

____ Photos ____ Deeds ____ Other Documents

Description: _____

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