

STRASBURG HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

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HISTORIC BUILDING PLAQUE PROGRAM

INTRODUCTION:

Our plaque program hopes to increase awareness of, and pride in, buildings important to the history of Strasburg and Davis District.

Obtaining a plaque is purely voluntary. Real estate taxes will not increase, nor will any limitations be placed on the property. There are neither restrictions nor covenants associated with obtaining a plaque.

ELIGIBILITY:

The building must be at least 60 years old.

- Thus, in 2013, the structure must have been built no later than 1953. In 2014, this becomes 1954.
- What matters is the year the original house was built. Additions do not affect eligibility.

The building must be within Strasburg or Davis District.

PLAQUE COST: \$120.00

APPLICATION PROCESS:

The application should be filled out as completely as possible. Please make your check payable to Strasburg Heritage Association and mail it, along with the completed application, to Strasburg Heritage Association, P. O. Box 525, Strasburg, VA 22657.

Once the Association ensures the application is complete and the building is eligible, your plaque will be ordered. Delivery, which includes hardware for mounting the bronze plaque, should take approximately 4 - 6 weeks.

RECOGNITION:

The Strasburg Town Council or Shenandoah Board of Supervisors will be asked to recognize the building as important to the culture and history of Strasburg or the greater Davis District. This is purely an honorific statement, with no legal status or financial implications.

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The goal of the Historic Building Plaque program is to obtain insight into people, places and events that make up our Strasburg and Davis District history. Informal stories and anecdotes about previous owners and uses, as well as important or funny events associated with the building, are encouraged. Even strange or (allegedly) ghostly incidents are acceptable! Recollections of any sort that involve the building are what the program is about.

Photographs, drawings, plats or any other graphical material would be interesting (originals will be copied and returned). For those ambitious, a documented history of the building derived from the deed books in the Shenandoah County Court House (Woodstock) would be great. Just let us know if you need assistance in your research. Please fill in the following:

Building's Present Owner _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone No. _____ Email _____

Street Address of Historic Building _____

Previous Owners, if known _____

Date Built _____ (must be associated with some record). If the date is not known exactly, an estimate is acceptable. Sources might be:

Deed Book _____ Page No. _____

Will Book _____ Page No. _____

Tax Record _____ Page No. _____

Date engraved or marked in woodwork or masonry _____

and the location of the marking in the building _____

Other sources (e.g., Grandfather Joel recalls the house being built in 1912) _____

Plaque Mounting: Front mounted (wood surface) _____ OR Rear mounted (all other) _____

Please use extra sheet(s) for any stories, anecdotes, etc., about the building. It is hoped these will be the basis of a booklet on Historic Strasburg and Davis District.