

# Charter Township of Shelby Historical Committee

## Marker Project

Homes or commercial buildings that are 50 years or older have a unique past that should be publicly honored by the **Marker Project** of the **Charter Township of Shelby Historical Committee**. Your home or commercial building may qualify to receive a beautiful Historical Marker, to be placed near the structure's entrance commemorating it's date of construction.

1. To qualify and obtain a **Historical Marker**, *the current owner* must make application to the Charter Township of Shelby Historical Committee utilizing the attached official form identified as Attachment A.

2. Applications are available from the:

Charter Township of Shelby  
The Clerk's Office  
52700 Van Dyke  
Shelby Township, MI 48316  
Phone: (810) 731-5102

3. *The Historical Committee* must be able to verify the structures initial date of construction, therefore, specific sources used in the determination of the structure's origination must be identified and if possible be included. If the exact year of construction cannot be determined, it shall be permissible to list a range of years, (i.e., sometime between 1906 and 1910). A Marker can still be awarded provided that all other documentation is completed. In such cases the first date provided will appear on the Marker preceded by the letter "C" indicating the word "circa".

4. The **Marker** shall be of the size and description identified on Attachment B. The **Marker** shall be available and constructed of cast aluminum. There will be six (6) charter homes, thereafter, the cost of the **Marker** shall be \$65.00 paid by the applicant, by check, payable to the **Charter Township of Shelby**. The check will be submitted upon approval prior to the **Marker** issuance. **Markers** shall be ordered by the **Historical Committee** within a reasonable time frame following final application approval. **Markers** shall be presented by the **Historical Committee**, upon receipt, at an appropriate date thereafter.

5. The **Historical Committee** will attempt to provide research assistance, to the owner, when requested by the owner and time permits.

6. There will not be any restrictions placed on the property or the structure as a result of qualifying for *The Charter Township of Shelby Historical Marker*.

# Marker Application

(ADDITIONAL INFORMATION MAY BE ATTACHED)

1. DATE OF APPLICATION: \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_

2. ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3 LEGAL DESCRIPTION: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. PRESENT OWNER: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. ORIGINAL OWNERS: \_\_\_\_\_ YEARS  
\_\_\_\_\_ YEARS  
\_\_\_\_\_ YEARS

6. DESCRIPTION OF STRUCTURE: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL USED:  
Clapboard \_\_\_\_\_ stone \_\_\_\_\_ brick \_\_\_\_\_ cobblestone \_\_\_\_\_  
shingles \_\_\_\_\_ stucco \_\_\_\_\_ board & batten \_\_\_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_

8. CONDITION:  
EXCELLENT \_\_\_\_\_ GOOD \_\_\_\_\_ FAIR \_\_\_\_\_  
DETERIORATING \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

9. INTEGRITY:  
ORIGINAL SITE \_\_\_\_\_ MOVED \_\_\_\_\_ IF SO,  
WHEN AND FROM WHERE \_\_\_\_\_

10. DATE OF ORIGINAL CONSTRUCTION: \_\_\_\_\_

11. NOTES OF ALTERATIONS & ADDITIONS: (Include dates and architect if known.)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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12. RELATED OUT BUILDING: (LIST)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

13. Please attach PHOTOS:

14. NOTABLE FEATURES:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

15. CONSTRUCTION

ARCHITECT \_\_\_\_\_  
BUILDERS/SUPPLIER \_\_\_\_\_  
NOTES ON ORIGINAL PLANS: \_\_\_\_\_  
ORIGINAL USAGE: \_\_\_\_\_  
PRESENT USAGE: \_\_\_\_\_

16. SOURCES USED:

DEED \_\_\_\_\_  
ABSTRACT \_\_\_\_\_  
US MANUSCRIPT CENSUS \_\_\_\_\_  
TOWNSHIP OR COUNTY RECORDS \_\_\_\_\_

17. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION : (PLEASE ATTACH)

18. APPLICANT(S) NAME(S) :

(SIGNATURE) (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_  
(PRINTED) (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_

19. PHONE NUMBER : \_\_\_\_\_

20. A COPY OF YOUR DEED IS REQUIRED FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION.

**NOTE:**

**NO RESTRICTIONS ARE PLACED ON THE PROPERTY AS A RESULT OF APPROVAL FOR THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SHELBY HISTORICAL MARKER.**

TOWNSHIP USE: DATE OF APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_ MARKER ORDERED \_\_\_\_\_  
MARKER RECEIVED \_\_\_\_\_ MARKER ISSUED \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF ISSUER \_\_\_\_\_

Marker Identification



COLOR: WHITE AND GREEN      SIZE: 9 1/2" x 14 3/4"

White background with green raised lettering, design and border.

## HISTORICAL MARKER APPLICATION

### HISTORICAL HOME RESEARCH RESOURCES

**The following list of Historical resources may assist you in the determination of your structures' Historical past :**

- 1. Macomb County Register of Deeds Office** To locate the properties' original deed date, use the indices in the old Macomb County building. These indices are organized by year and then sorted by last name of the person buying and selling the property. It is possible through the utilization of these indices to trace the properties ownership *although this is somewhat of a laborious task*, since you begin by locating the current owner's name and then work backwards through the Seller and Buyer Indices and the actual Deed Books to the earliest transaction.
- 2. Mount Clemens Public Library** To locate U S Census information use the microfilm library located in the Michigan Room of the Mt Clemens Library, 150 Cass (between Gratiot and Groesbeck Hwy). The files are located in a cabinet on the south wall. The files contain copies of the Federal Government original Census Schedules used by the Census Enumerators as they went door to door during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The Michigan Room also contains information about Macomb County ,including a 1859 Macomb County Map.
- 3. Shelby Township Library** Additional general historical information may be obtained in the following sources located within the Resource Section of the Shelby Township Library.  
  
1875 Macomb County Atlas  
1895 Macomb County Atlas  
1898 *Headlights* publication  
1929 *Pageants of Progress*  
*History of Macomb County*  
*Past and Present of Macomb County*  
*Sanborn Maps* (Insurance maps)

- 4. Other Sources** Once you have determined when and who owned your property, you can assemble other data. There is a wealth of Public Resource materials that can be plumbed for information about old structures:

Will books and Indices  
Probate Records  
Inventory and Settlement Books  
Tax Records  
Marriage Records  
Court Records

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#### 4. OTHER SOURCES (CONTINUED)

Building Permits  
Subdivision and Plat Books  
Newspaper Archives  
Minutes of Public Bodies

5. ABSTRACT OF TITLE Owners of real estate should have the assurance of good legal property title. Many purchasers of abstracts erroneously believe that when an Abstract Company furnishes an abstract, the filer of such an order shows that there are no clouds upon or flaw in the chain of title.

There may be a cost to the property owner to obtain an *Abstract of Title* from a Lawyers Title Insurance Corporation. This title will show all the past owners to the original entry of said record. *Remember, there will be a cost to have this researched!*

6. ARCHITECTURAL STYLE Once the structure's construction date has been ascertained the architectural style can be identified. There are many good books that discuss architectural styles in detail. Many of these book are available at the Mt Clemens, Macomb, and Shelby Libraries.

You will find that you will have fun researching your property and structures' historical past! "Happy Investigating!!" Be sure to return your completed application to the **Shelby Township Clerks Office!**