

The Newstead Historical Society  
P.O. Box 222  
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Re: Century Marker

Enclosed please find an application for a century marker for your home. The Newstead Historical Society was founded in 1958 and began the Century Home program in 1981. To date there are 114 Century Homes and 10 Century Landmark designation in the village of Akron and town of Newstead.

Homes 100 years or older in the village of Akron or town of Newstead can be designated with a century plaque from the historical society simply by filling out the enclosed application and providing documentation as to the home's age. The information can be obtained from a variety of sources. We generally like to review your abstract of title, although that is sometimes inconclusive. Construction methods such as square nails used in original construction, field stone used in cellar walls, hand hewn beams and posts, plank walls, certain cistern construction also help in determining a home's age. We also consult old maps and town records to verify age. The abstract, although not always pinpointing when the home was built also helps us determine prior property owners who may be of historical interest.

There is no cost involved (the plaque is provided free of charge by the society) and the designation does not prohibit any future remodeling you wish to do and is not conditional on any that has been done in the past.

Once the research has been done and any pertinent photographs of the home taken a name is chosen by joining the name of the first owner with the name of the owner at the time of the application.

Although this may sound involved it really isn't and much of the research is done on the society's part – the search of town records, obtaining proof from the maps, researching historical previous owners. We are here to assist you. At the end of the process, you will have a nice profile of all the information we have access to about your home and a beautiful plaque.

Start by filling out the application. If you have any questions or need assistance don't hesitate to call me. Once your application is completed, please mail it to me at the address below and you will soon be on your way to getting your plaque!

Sincerely,

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