

Skowhegan's Historic Home Registry Program

Overview

Skowhegan History House Museum & Research Center (hereafter referred to as History House) Board of Trustees appreciates the importance and significance of historic homes within our community. Accordingly, the Board of Trustees offers those residents who own a home at least 100 years old the opportunity to document the home's age, register it in the Historic Home Registry, and to display an approved house marker indicating the original homesteader, the year of construction, and the owner's affiliation with the Historic Home Registry- Skowhegan History House Museum & Research Center.

Process

1. Obtain the forms and information pertaining to the Historic Home Registry by contacting:
Skowhegan History House Museum & Research Center
Historic Home Registry
P. O. Box 832
Skowhegan, Maine 04976
2. The owner will submit a "Chain of Deeds" form that will provide evidence of the various owners dating back to the original construction date and the original owner; the original owner's deed should be included with the "Chain of Deeds" form. Participants may do the research themselves at the Somerset County Registry of Deeds or a representative of History House will conduct the research for a minimal fee of \$50.00.
3. Once the research is complete the date of construction and original owner will be certified by the History House Research Representative, the Curator, and one other member of the Board of Trustees.
4. Upon certification the participant will receive information for ordering the approved House Marker and affix it to the historic building.
5. Participants will also provide photographs of the building and any attached structures (ells, barns, etc.). Please include photographs of any historically related features such as stairways, mantels, interesting architecture, murals, woodwork, etc. Also include any additional historical and architectural information that will enable reviewers to see the significance of this property, such as newspaper articles, data from local histories, town or family records, and copies of historic photographs.
6. Photographs of certified Historic Homes will be displayed in a book at History House for public review entitled Historic Home Registry. In addition, History House will maintain a file of all the owner's information pertaining to this structure
7. After ten homes have been certified, History House will create a map listing each home. the History House Board of Trustees may also use photographs of these homes to publicize the Historic Home Registry Project.

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General Information Form:

Submission date of this form: _____

Historic Name of Property- if any: _____

Property Location:

Name of current owner(s): _____

Street Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Is the structure occupied? Yes No

Is the structure on its original site? Yes No

Has the structure been altered or added to? Yes No Don't Know

If yes, how and when: (side or rear ell, added stories, dormers, porch, tower, cupola, bay window, shed, barn)

Exact or approximate date of original construction, if known: _____

Please provide evidence by completing the "Chain of Deeds" Form.

Date original deed was recorded, if known: _____

Date current owner's deed was recorded: _____

Primary Stylistic Category:

Colonial or Colonial Revival

Federal

Greek Revival

Gothic Revival

Queen Ann

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Height of structure: 1 story 1 ½ story, 2 story, 2 ½ story, 3 story,
 4 story

Primary Structural System:

timber frame, braced frame, brick, stone,
 balloon frame, concrete, steel, log,
 plank wall, platform frame

Chimney Placement:

interior, interior front/rear, center, interior end
 exterior, other

Roof Configuration:

gable side, gable front, hip, flat,
 gambrel, parapet gable, shed, cross,
 gable, compound, mansard, other

Roofing Material:

wood, metal, tile, slate,
 asphalt, asbestos

Exterior Wall Material:

clapboard, log, granite, brick,
 pressed metal, asbestos, concrete, flush sheathing,
 terra cotta, wood shingle, stucco, board and batten,
 stone, asphalt, aluminum/ vinyl,
 other

Foundation Material:

fieldstone, brick, wood, concrete,
 granite, ornamental concrete block, other

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Chain of Deeds

Begin listing of deeds with the current owner and proceed back to the original owner going down the form. Provide notes of historical information found pertaining to owner, owner's family, etc. Include a copy of the original owner's deed.

Owner:	Volume #/ Page #	Date of Transaction:
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Conclusion:

Year of original construction: _____

Certification:

Date: _____