



CHATHAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
*Chatham, Massachusetts 02633*

**CHATHAM'S HISTORIC HOUSES SIGNS**

In response to inquiries from some homeowners of houses, built prior to 1900, regarding the possibility of installing an historical house sign, the Chatham Historical Commission initiated this program to encourage and assist homeowners in acquiring a unique sign that in three lines summarizes the early history of pre-1900 Chatham private and commercial buildings:

The ***name*** of the first owner (e.g., FRANKLYN NICKERSON)  
The ***function*** of the building (e.g., Market)  
The ***date*** (e.g., c. 1850)



These signs are made for specific Chatham addresses; they should not be confused with the circular aluminum blue and gold “Chatham 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Historical Marker” that bears the inscription “**300<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CHATHAM HONORS THIS EARLY HOME**” These attractive colorful markers that commemorate Chatham’s 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary, are provided by the Chatham Historical Commission and are intended for all pre-1900 buildings.

The Historic House Sign depicted above is only one type of sign available; pre-1900 building owners are free to put up whatever sign they want, subject to complying with Town ordinances.

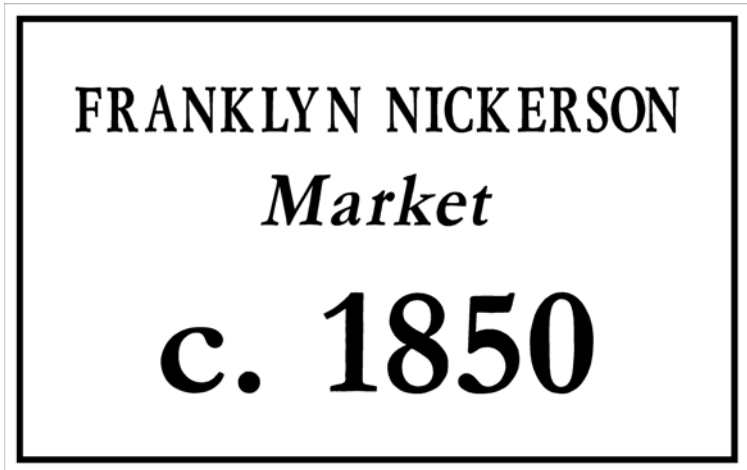
Should you choose to do your own research, start with the Eldredge Library’s Reference Room. On the bottom shelf of the free standing bookshelves to your left you will find four massive three-ring binders. Each is divided into Chatham geographical areas with streets in alphabetical order and houses numbered sequentially. (Remember that many streets cross into other geographical areas). In these books you will find your house’s history. Make a photocopy of this history record.

Reference Librarian Amy Andreasson will assist you if you run into difficulty, and she will photocopy and mail house information to those people not in town.

You are encouraged to mount an historic sign on the exterior of the building, preferably at eye level, on either side of the front door or door facing the street. ***No permit is required for Chatham’s Tercentennial Commemorative Markers or the historic house signs.***

**Historic House Sign Description:**

Size 11" x 7" x 1/2", drilled for mounting  
Color: white with black letters & border  
Price: (includes tax) \$69.06  
Hardware: 2 non-rusting screws for exterior wall mount;  
2 plastic screw hole covers  
Made of durable PVC & boating letters



Additional charge for Installation

*The Chatham Historical Commission has approved the design of the historic house sign and determined eligibility. The Town and the Commission have no financial interests in the House Sign programs. Thus, the responsibility for coordination of the ordering, payment, delivery and installation rests solely between the historic building owners and the Chatham Sign Shop.*

<b>2 Ways to order:</b>	
<i>Print and Complete this order form and <b>mail</b> your check and copy of the history record to:</i>	<i>Print and Complete this order form and <b>bring</b> your check and copy of the history record to:</i>
<b>Chatham Sign Shop 40 Kent Place Chatham, MA 02633</b>	<b>Chatham Sign Shop 40 Kent Place Chatham, MA 02633</b>
Your name:	
Your address:	
Your telephone or mobile number:	
Your e-mail:	
Address of Historic Building:	
The <b>name</b> of the first owner:	
The <b>function</b> of the building:	
The <b>date</b> :	

**For questions about payment, delivery and installation contact:  
Chatham Sign Shop 508-945-1909**

**For all other questions e-mail — [Chathamhistoricsigns@gmail.com](mailto:Chathamhistoricsigns@gmail.com)**