



## **Tredyffrin Township Historic Resource Plaque Program**

The *Tredyffrin Township Historic Resource Plaque Program* was initiated by the Historical Commission in an effort to raise awareness and encourage stewardship of historic resources in the Township – resources that contribute to the appreciation and understanding of our unique historical & architectural heritage. It is the goal of this program, through increased visibility and community awareness, to encourage the continuing care and preservation of these resources by placing a commemorative plaque on the property.

Before a plaque application can be accepted, the Historical Commission must determine if enough information is known about the resource to warrant a plaque. The application review will explore whether the resource meets the general guidelines & criteria (see below) - including a construction date of 1945 or earlier. Although many buildings in Tredyffrin are well-documented, unfortunately the Township does not maintain extensive historical information on every property within its boundaries. Plaque eligibility will be based primarily on the outlined criteria and the information submitted by the applicant. In addition, the Historical Commission's review will rely on the Townships 2003 Historical Resource Inventory and other Township documents – all of which can be found on the [Historical Commission](#) page of the Township website.

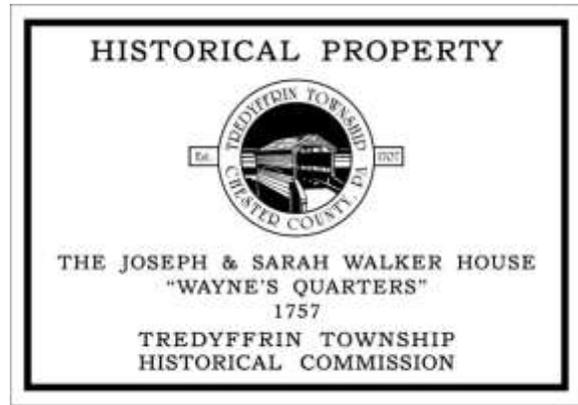
Please note that the plaque will not restrict any future use or physical attributes (including paint color, shutters, windows, etc.) nor place any place any additional regulations on a property. This is strictly a voluntary program administered by the Tredyffrin Township Historical Commission and is not related to any Township ordinances.

Applications are to be completed by the property owner (or representative thereof) - who will bear the cost of production and maintenance. Plaques measure approximately 10"x7" and are produced from cast bronze. Each plaque will include the Tredyffrin Township Logo, Historical Property and Tredyffrin Township Historical Commission wording, as shown below. There are two options available, *Standard* and *Customized*. The customized plaque will give the applicant the ability to include (up to) an additional 3 lines of text for resource-specific information, such as the building's date and/or historical information (building's name, original owner, builder, and/or architect). Please note that using all 3 lines of text is not required.

## Plaque Design



Standard Plaque



Customized Plaque

The Standard plaque (*without resource-specific information*) can be obtained for \$200.00, while the Customized plaque can be obtained for \$225.00. A complete application will be required for either of these two options. Please note that the prices noted above are as of December 2013 and may be subject to change.

Once the application is reviewed and approved by the Commission, an electronic/paper proof (like the examples shown above) will be sent to the applicant for review. Once the applicant approves the design (including all spelling & formatting), the plaque will be put into production. Once complete, the plaque will be made available for pick-up at the Township Building. Please allow several weeks for this process to be completed.

### **What information can be included on the Customized Plaque?**

- **Building Name:** If a property was given a name at any time in its history, that name may be featured on the plaque.
- **Former Owner Name:** Based on historical research, the name of a prominent past owner may be included. The current owner's name will not be placed on the plaque.
- **Architect and/or Builder:** If the original architect and/or builder of the building are known, those names could be included.
- **Relevance to Prominent Historical Figure(s) or Event(s):** Many buildings have historic significance at the local, state, and even federal levels due to their role in the life of historic personalities or due to their involvement in an historic event/era.
- **Date:** Based on historical research, the date displayed on the plaque will be the year in which the building was built. If there are significant historical architectural additions and their dates are known, they may be displayed, as well. If the Historical Commission is unable to determine an exact date for the property, a "c." meaning "circa" will be placed before the date (which may be a range, i.e. "c. 1884-1887"), indicating that the date is approximate.

## **Guidelines & Criteria**

Plaques are available for any resource in Tredyffrin that meets the following guidelines & criteria:

- 1) Building must be constructed during or before 1945 (unless special circumstances exist as determined by the TTHC), well-maintained and may possess one or more of the following additional criteria:
  - *Historical Significance*: a place which is or has been the site of a significant local, state or national event or has contributed to the civic, social or political history of Tredyffrin Township.
  - *Architectural Significance*: a place that retains substantial historic fabric and configuration so that it expresses its original design.
- 2) Information provided, and included on the plaque, must be generally consistent with existing Township documents.
- 3) Design elements of the building must appear to be original or retain the original character.
- 4) Any exterior renovation work that is currently in progress must be completed.

**Tredyffrin Township Historical Commission**  
**Historic Resource Plaque Program**  
**Application**

**Property Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Owner / Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address** (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone Number:** Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Customized Plaque Information** (*max. 23 characters per line, including spaces*):

Line 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Line 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Line 3: \_\_\_\_\_

**Required Application Attachments:**

**Recent Exterior Photographs including:**

- All facades of your building
- Your building in the context of its neighbors and the street
- Any special features on your property
- Please label all photographs

Please attach any pertinent information (if available) about the history or its restoration (i.e. architectural drawings, historic photos, newspaper articles, etc.). The applicant will be notified if a site visit is necessary to determine eligibility.

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Please return this completed application and applicable payment (check) made out to Tredyffrin Township with a notation on the check for the “Historic Resource Plaque Program” to:

Tredyffrin Township \* Att: Historical Commission \* 1100 DuPortail Road \* Berwyn, PA 19312