



RADNOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

HISTORIC BUILDING PLAQUE PROGRAM GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA

GENERAL RHS GUIDELINES

Any building in Radnor that meets the following criteria and guidelines is eligible:

- Information: The building must have a sufficient amount of documented historical data in the RHS building inventory. If a building is not documented in our inventory, an owner can still submit an application if historical information for the property (with citations) is also submitted.
- Must exhibit significance which can include:
 - Historical Significance: A place that has been the site of a significant local, state or national event or has contributed to the civic, social or political history of Radnor.
 - Architectural Significance: A demonstrated link to a significant architect, builder, or developer, or an example of a historic architectural style. While this information is indexed by RHS for multiple properties in the Township, we always welcome new information using primary source citations.
 - Architectural Integrity: A place that retains substantial historic fabric and configuration so that it expresses its original design as seen from the public Right of Way. See Specific Criteria listed on the following page.
 - Contributes to the Overall Development Pattern: A place that contributes to the overall historic streetscape as well as to the overall neighborhood building pattern such as but not limited to roof lines and façade materials.
- Design elements of the building must appear to be original or retain the original character.
- No exterior renovation work can be in progress at the time of review.

SPECIFIC CRITERIA FOR ARCHITECTURAL INTEGRITY

The specific guidelines for the awarding of plaques apply only to the building's exterior. These guidelines DIFFER from those of Radnor Township's Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB). An approval for a Certificate of Appropriateness received from the HARB does not indicate or guarantee eligibility for an historic plaque. Actual approval for a plaque is determined by the RHS based on the following criteria:

1. **Exterior Wall Treatment** – The material in place must be of the same type or have the same visual effect as would have been appropriate to the original. Exterior repairs or additions should preserve and complement the proportion, appearance, and texture of the original. Vinyl, aluminum or other similar siding is not recommended. Sandblasting is strongly discouraged.
2. **Exterior Details** – All exterior details should be retained or replaced in appropriate forms and materials. Particular attention should be paid to doorways, cornices, corner boards, porch elements and window details. Non-integral parts of the structure, such as fencing, landscaping and parking should not detract from the historic nature of the structure.
3. **Roofs** – Rooflines should be respected. Original roofing materials are preferable; however, when modern materials are used, they should show sensitivity to the original roof colors and textures.
4. **Windows** – The Radnor Historical Society encourages the preservation of historic windows. Whenever possible, historic windows should be repaired rather than replaced; however if replacement is necessary, replacement windows should closely match the original in terms of historic style, configuration, profile, function and appearance.
5. **Additions** – Additions should not detract from or obscure the historic character of the building. It is preferable to have additions built on the rear façade or in areas not visible from public viewing. The scale of the addition should not detract from the original building and existing site.