

Collin County Historical Commission State of Texas

The Collin County Historical Commission established the Collin County Historical Marker program to interpret, promote and protect historic and cultural resources located in Collin County that are worthy of preservation. Through the designation process, sites important to the county will be evaluated using established criteria and, if selected, marked for the education and enjoyment of citizens and visitors alike.

Please understand that recognition in the Collin County Historical Marker program does not qualify the site for a Texas Historical Marker, Historic Texas Cemetery Marker, the National Register of Historic Places Marker, or for property for tax benefits.

COLLIN COUNTY HISTORICAL MARKER HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE CRITERIA

The Collin County Historical Commission shall consider, in addition to input from affected property owners, one or more of the following criteria when deciding where a county historical marker shall be placed:

- Site is associated with events or locations that have made a significant contribution **at least 50 years ago** to the cultural, economic, social, archeological, architectural or historical heritage of Collin County.
- Site is associated with persons or groups whose lives were significant in our past.
- Site embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, or possesses exceptional artistic value.
- Site probably would not be eligible for the state or national registry.

PROCEDURE

1. A completed Collin County Historical Marker Application form must be submitted to the CCHC County Marker Committee. It should include historical information with full citations to sources, should relate the site's eligibility to the criteria listed above, and should provide the most significant facts about the site in a brief list. It should include copies of historic photos and/ or current photos.
2. Applicants will be asked to select the marker location, write the wording for the marker, and submit a picture or photograph for the marker.
3. The County Marker committee will assess the information, the integrity of the site, the general suitability of the location for a marker, and make recommendation to the CCHC.
4. The County Marker Committee will notify the applicant of acceptance or rejection. Recommendations for wording and location will be approved by the County Marker Committee.
5. Upon receipt of the marker fee (approximately \$300.00) a Purchase Order will be requested from the treasurer of the CCHC.
6. The CCHC will vote to approve placement of a marker and notify the applicant.
7. The CCHC will work with the applicant for the installation of the marker.
8. The marker will remain the property of the CCHC and must be displayed in a prominent place.

Mail completed form to: Collin County Historical Commission; Attn: County Marker Chairman
2300 Bloomdale Road
McKinney, TX 75071

COLLIN COUNTY HISTORICAL MARKER APPLICATION

Address/location of site being nominated: _____

Applicant's Name: _____

Address, City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Do you have the property owner's permission to apply for Marker? Yes _____

Property owner's signature _____

LANDMARK IDENTIFICATION

Historic Name of Site _____

Type of Site: ___Event ___Commercial ___Farm ___Person ___Residence ___Other

Proposed location of Marker (preferably not in the right of way of a highway) Be Specific. _____

Do you have permission to locate marker on the property? Yes _____ Date _____

Owner's signature to locate marker on property _____

Property owner's telephone: _____ email: _____

Do you plan to apply for the state marker, national registry, or historic cemetery marker?
___Yes ___No

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Use additional sheets as needed. Incomplete applications will be returned.

1. Please share information about the site including citations and references for unique historical facts. What is the source of your information?

2. Please share information on what you have heard from neighbors, family, or former property owners about this property.

3. Has this reference to this landmark ever been published, or mentioned in books, magazines, or newspapers. Explain and include a copy of the photo or article, if possible.

I understand the present cost of the marker is approximately \$300.00. Once the application has been approved, then the marker can be ordered. I also understand it is my responsibility to organize a dedication ceremony (within six months of the placement of the marker) and invite the Collin County Commissioners Court, CCHC, and local officials.

Payer: _____ Date: _____

Person responsible for dedication Ceremony: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date submitted: _____