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## The State Historical Marker Program

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The State Historical Marker program is an excellent and affordable means of recognizing historic sites in Mississippi. Since 1949, markers have been erected at important places across the state, highlighting Mississippi's history from prehistoric times. Sites that have been recognized by historical markers include historic buildings, Civil War battlefields, cemeteries, extinct towns, churches and synagogues, places associated with significant persons or events, and Civil Rights sites.

In order for a site to qualify for a State Historical Marker, a site must have unique historical significance to the local community, state, or nation. In the case of cemeteries and places of worship, unique architectural features or some association with prominent historical events, personalities or communities is usually needed.

Unfortunately, the Mississippi Department of Archives and History does not have funding in its budget for the purchase of new or replacement State Historical Markers. However, we do process requests for new, privately funded markers.

The text for a State Historical Marker is drafted by Department staff with advice and consent of the sponsor. However, the Department of Archives and History, in accordance with policies adopted by the Board of Trustees, reserves the right to approve the final marker text. Once a final text has been approved, Department staff will order the marker from the manufacturer, Sewah Studios of Marietta, Ohio.

The cost of a State Historical Marker varies with the size of the lettering requested. Prices are set by the manufacturer and are subject to periodic increase. The price of markers and their increases are beyond the control of MDAH. Currently, the price of a 1½" style marker and post is \$1880.00, shipping included. The 1½" marker is the most commonly used, although the 1" text marker format is growing in popularity, as it allows for more text. At present, the cost of a 1" style marker is \$1920.00. The 2" style marker, which is rarely requested because of space limitations, is currently priced at \$1810.00. The cost of each style of marker has recently increased due to the rising cost of materials associated with the production and shipment of markers.

Upon completion, the marker will be shipped to the Mississippi Department of Transportation District office nearest the sponsor and MDOT personnel will contact the sponsor upon its arrival. The manufacturer will bill the sponsor directly once the marker has been shipped.

Enclosed is a State Historical Marker Request Form and three marker text grids. The first grid is for the Standard Format Marker (1 ½" Lettering) and the second grid is for the Large (2") Format. On a separate page, also included is a grid for 1" sized texts. The first line on each grid is for the marker title. When drafting a proposed text, please remember that punctuation and spacing between words each count as one space.

To pursue the purchase of a marker, please return the completed State Historical Marker Request Form and Payment Responsibility Acknowledgement Form along with any supporting documentation and/or references to the above address. After reviewing the information provided, the application will be presented to the Board of Trustees at the appropriate time. Please allow for at least six (6) months from the date of the application submittal to delivery of the marker.

For more information about the State Historical Marker program, please call the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, at (601) 576-6940.

**STATE HISTORICAL MARKER REQUEST FORM  
MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY**

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NAME OF HISTORICAL MARKER \_\_\_\_\_

SUGGESTED LOCATION OF MARKER \_\_\_\_\_

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STYLE OF MARKER PREFERRED                       1"                       1 ½"                       2"

IS THIS REQUEST FOR A NEW OR A REPLACEMENT MARKER? \_\_\_\_\_

REFERENCES FOR DOCUMENTATION OF MARKER (Please include copies of any available research materials and at least one photo of the proposed marker location):

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NAME OF INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION SPONSORING MARKER. PLEASE INCLUDE MAILING ADDRESS AND PHONE/ FAX NUMBER(S).

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DOES THE SPONSOR WISH TO SUGGEST A MARKER TEXT? \_\_\_\_\_  
IF SO, PLEASE INCLUDE A SAMPLE TEXT ON THE GRID PROVIDED.

The Department of Archives and History, in accordance with the policies adopted by the Board of Trustees, reserves the right to approve the final marker text.

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SEND REQUEST FORM TO:

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MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY  
Attn: Historical Markers  
Post Office Box 571  
Jackson, Mississippi 39205-0571  
Telephone 601-576-6940 or Fax 601-576-6955

# STATE HISTORICAL MARKER PAYMENT RESPONSIBILITY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I / We the undersigned sponsor(s) do hereby acknowledge and understand that the sponsor(s) are solely responsible for the cost of State Historical Markers. Upon approval of this request/application and subsequent approval of marker text drafted by Department staff with sponsor consent, I/ we also agree that payment will be submitted to the manufacturer, Sewah Studios, in a timely manner.

Sponsor(s) Address and Telephone Number:

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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