

Vernon Historical Society House Sign Program

**Directions for completing the Historic House Sign Application:**
 Eligible houses must be 50 years or older.

1. Download the application form from the Vernon Historical Society’s page.
2. Complete form, attaching all evidence of the date of the structure and, if known, the name of the
 builder or significant resident. Photographs and copies of documents are helpful.
3. Mail all materials including payment to the Vernon Historical Society, PO Box 2055, Vernon, CT 06066
 or send by email to vernonhs@sbcglobal.net.
4. The cost of a sign is $50. Please make the check payable to the Vernon Historical Society with
 “House Sign” written on the memo portion of the check.
5. The applicant will receive an acknowledgement by email or phone indicating receipt of the application
 and notice that the information provided on the form is being reviewed by the VHS House Sign
 Committee.
6. During the review period, if any questions arise, the applicant will be notified.
7. When the sign is completed, the applicant will be contacted about picking up the sign.

**Helpful resources:**

Houses located in the Rockville, Vernon Center and Talcottville Historic Districts may have been surveyed as part of the Historic District nominating process. There are binders at the Vernon Historical Society and in the Local History collection at the Rockville Public Library that contain the survey form for each building nominated for inclusion in the districts. The survey form for each nominated house will contain the necessary information for a house sign form.

To determine the age and history of a building not in an historic district, the sources listed below will help an applicant collect information about the applicant’s house.

Property cards and property records are found online. Use this link
 <https://www.vernon-ct.gov/departments-services/property-cards-and-gis-information>
Near the bottom of the second page, find the column for Year Constructed to see a starting date to search
for an original owner.

City Directories for Vernon and Rockville- VHS has a collection ranging from 1879 to 1984.

Maps- VHS has street maps of Rockville- 1869, 1877, 1895, 1899. We also have Sanborn insurance maps from the late 19th and early 20th century.

For houses built more than 100 years ago, visit the Town Clerk’s Office in Town Hall. (860-870-3662)
Employees do not perform searches but will direct visitors to property records.

For any questions that arise during house research, please call Bob Hurd, Historic Properties Commission Chairman at 860-402-6375.