

Dear Webster Homeowner,

Your house is celebrating a birthday! Our records indicate that your home is 100 years old this year or has turned 100 already. For more than forty years the Webster Groves Historical Society has provided our residents a way to honor their century home with a custom-made plaque to be installed on the front of the celebrated residence. The cost is \$125 and with that you receive many benefits which include:

One year's membership in the Webster Groves Historical Society including our newsletter which updates you on all of the society's activities, a discount on your next tour of the Historic Hawken House and purchases in our gift shop, 10% discount in the rental of our Hearth Room for your next party, reception or business function, and added value to your property.

The Webster Groves Historical Society was incorporated in 1965 and since that time we have been very active. The society raised funds to have the Historic Hawken House moved to its present location in Southwest Park in 1969 and in 1971 opened for public tours. The house is furnished in period Victorian with many original Hawken family items on display as well as other pieces of Webster Groves history. In 1989 the Barn was built and in 2007 under went a major renovation and was renamed The Hearth Room. That venue has hosted hundreds of weddings, receptions, business functions and parties.

The society was nationally recognized for its archives by the "America in Bloom" organization in 2010. We maintain the City of Webster Groves archives that are housed in a portion of the Hearth Room. The archives consist of various materials, which include glass plates, photographs, books, publications, postcards, miscellaneous city and county documents, manuscripts, letters and maps.

The Historical Society does not conduct research for people. You can contact us at archives@historicwebster.org and someone from the archives committee will respond to your inquiry. We can schedule time and assistance for you to come by and conduct your own research with the guidance of our volunteer curators. In addition, we do have books available in our gift shop that may be of assistance. The Recorder of Deeds located in Clayton can also assist you in your research. Mr. Gerald Smith can be reached at 314-615-7102 or 314-615-7103 or email him at gsmith4@stlouisco.com.

It is incumbent for the Webster Groves Historical Society to stay active, creative and engaged in preserving our local history. A community like Webster Groves doesn't just happen. It is the result of careful planning and preservation. We hope that you take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

Sincerely,
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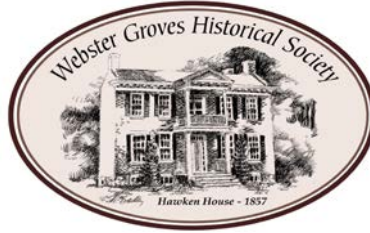
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Webster Groves Historical Society
Century Home Application

For a fee of \$125 the owner will be provided with a finished 12"x16" metal plaque inscribed with the name of the original owner and original date the house was built. In addition you will receive a one year membership in the Webster Groves Historical Society.

If you are interested in a century plaque, please fill out the following information and send to:

The Hawken House
1155 South Rock Hill Road
St. Louis, MO 63119
Attention: Century Plaque Project

Present Owner _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Fee Enclosed _____ (make check out to The Webster Groves Historical Society)

Date _____

To assist you in your documentation

Legal Description of Lot _____ Lot No. _____ BLK

Subdivision _____

Plat Book _____ Page Number _____

Date Recorded _____

Name of the Original Owner _____

Earliest Deed of Trust _____

Exterior Construction Material _____

Number of Rooms _____

Photographs of the front, rear and side elevations would be helpful. Please include narrative describing major improvements. In addition, any photocopies of historical information, such as wills, old letters, and old church directories will help with documenting the home. If you have this information, we would like it for the Historical Society's archives.