

Old Lyme Historic District Plaque Program

The Old Lyme Historic District has inaugurated a **plaque program** to acknowledge historic buildings in the District. If there is sufficient interest, the **plaque program** may become available to the entire town. The buildings must have been built before the outbreak World War II in 1939. The plaques contain the name of the original owner or the structure's purpose (Grange Hall, etc.) and the approximate date of construction. The first plaque has been placed on 33 Lyme Street (close to Library Lane and across Lyme Street from the Old Lyme Ice Cream Shoppe) with the name of the original owner, Hiram G. Marvin, and circa 1824 as the approximate date of construction. The house is presently owned by Victoria Barri.

The Old Lyme Historic District, established in 1971 by popular vote, is the oldest in the Valley Shore and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1972. The OLHD runs from the South Green (Church Corner) on McCurdy Road for approximately 1.5 miles down Lyme Street past the North Green to Rose Lane on Route 1 and contains about 80 structures (50 of the buildings pre-date 1900 and 8 pre-date 1800). The Old Lyme Historic District Commission strives to preserve the character and history of the OLHD; the **plaque program** aims to authenticate and highlight the historic structures.

An Historic Plaque Application form for structures that qualify may be obtained from the OLHDC at Memorial Town Hall, 52 Lyme Street, Old Lyme, CT 06371 (Tel. 434-1605), or on the Web site www.oldlyme-ct.gov/Home/ under Boards and Commissions – Historic District. The 16" x 13" handsome white oval plaques are made of a lightweight durable synthetic with black lettering. The plaques cost \$100 plus tax and are available with two pre-drilled holes suitable for 1 1/2" brass screws to enable easy installation.

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