

National Register Plaques

All properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places are eligible for National Register plaques. However, neither the National Park Service nor the Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation provides plaques or approves their wording and installation.

If a local Historical Commission has also designated the property (either individually or as part of a local historic district), the ordinance under which the Commission operates may give this board the right to comment on or approve signage. National Register designation and local designation are different programs. Local historic ordinances vary in the strength of their regulatory powers, but some (such as those governing New Orleans) do grant authority to local agencies to regulate signs.

We encourage you to check with local authorities before ordering and/or installing your National Register plaque.

Displaying Your National Register Plaque

The Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation occasionally receives requests for advice on the mounting and display of National Register plaques. The following information is provided in order to help Register property owners make this decision.

Although local authorities may have a say in how to display your National Register plaque (see above), the National Park Service and the Division have no rules concerning where or how to mount them. Placement possibilities include, but are not limited to, an exterior wall of the listed building, a porch railing, a column, a fence, or atop a pole. In short, the property owner may place the plaque wherever he or she wishes.

Of course, the owner should use good sense in choosing the plaque's location. It is important that it not be attached to the building in such a way that it might damage historic materials. For example, a plaque attached to the wall of a building should be placed beneath a porch roof or other protective overhang so that rain will not penetrate the wall through the holes formed by the plaque's mounting screws.

Manufacturers of National Register Plaques

NOTE: The following is a list of companies known to manufacture National Register plaques. This information is provided as a courtesy to the public; however, the Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation does not recommend or endorse any of the companies. If you are a manufacturer of National Register plaques and would like to be added to this list, please contact our National Register Coordinator at 225-219-4595.

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Eagle Sign and Design; Ron Moore 901 E. Liberty Street Louisville, Kentucky 40204 1-888-561-0007 ron@eaglesign.com http://www.eaglesign.com	Erie Landmark Company 4449 Brookfield Corporate Drive Chantilly, Virginia 20151-1681 http://www.erialandmark.com
Healey Brothers Foundry P. O. Box 4 Manville, Rhode Island 02838 1-800-626-3229	Lakeshore Industries http://www.lsisigns.com
LaHaye Bronze, Inc. 1346 Railroad Street Corona, California 91720 714-734-1371	Meierjohan-Wengler, Inc. 10330 Wayne Avenue Cincinnati, Ohio 45215 513-771-6074
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