



North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources Highway Historical Marker Program

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Fact Sheet 3: Pursuing a Local or Privately Purchased Marker

Privately funded markers are an excellent way to inform the public about people, places, and events of local importance.

Individuals or groups are free to pursue the purchase of privately funded markers or plaques. A list of manufacturers, with addresses and phone numbers, is provided below. Such markers must be placed on private property outside the highway right-of-way, cannot bear the Great Seal of North Carolina, and should differ from state signs in color. They are not considered part of the official state marker program.

The Pomeroy Foundation provides grants for some private markers. It might be beneficial to browse their website to see if your topic would be a good fit for any of their initiatives, including Legends and Lore markers.

<https://www.wgpfoundation.org/>

Marker Manufacturers:

The Office of Archives and History as an agent of the State of North Carolina is prohibited from recommending any particular private supplier. The following companies have sent us material indicating that they manufacture historical markers or plaques. We suggest that interested parties correspond directly with the companies listed. The State of North Carolina is not able to comment on the quality or reliability of service of these firms.

Cast aluminum markers and posts

Sewah Studios
P.O. Box 298
Marietta, Ohio 45750
(740) 373-2087
www.sewahstudios.com

Lake Shore Markers
1817 Poplar Street, P.O. Box 59
Erie, Pennsylvania 16512
(800) 458-0463
www.lsisigns.com

Metal Memorials
Oklahoma
805-776-3825
metalmemorials.com

B Sign Group
4239 Earnings Way
New Albany, IN 47150
(888) 561-0007
www.bsigngroup.com

Bronze and aluminum plaques

Healy Plaques
<http://healyplaques.com/>
800-995-0981

Erie Landmarks
<https://www.erielandmark.com/>
(717) 210-4866

Grandview Aluminum Products
(812) 649-2569
www.gapalum.com

W & E Baum Bronze Tablet Corp.
<https://www.webaum.com/>
(800) 922-7377

Centec Cast Metal Products
<http://centecc.com/>
(800) 969-3740

Innovative Signs
<http://innovativesigns.com/>
(800) 950-8068

American Sign Letters
877-704-5170
<https://americansignletters.com/custom-plaques/>

Fiberglass embedment (Wayside markers)

Pannier Graphics
345 Oak Road
Gibsonia, Pennsylvania 15044
(800) 544-8428
<http://www.panniergraphics>

Fossil Industries, Inc.
44 Jefryn Boulevard
Deer Park, NY 11729
(631) 998-6173
www.FossilGraphics.com

Hopewell Manufacturing
217 N. Franklin St.
Waynesboro, Pa. 17268
877.521.2787 <http://www.hopewellmfg.com/>
hopewellmfg@hopewellmfg.com

Granite, wood, and other materials

Joyner's Memorials
P.O. Box 803
US 301 Highway South
Wilson, NC 27893
(252) 291-6160

Wake Monument Company
P.O. Box 130
Rolesville, NC 27571
(919) 556-3422

Southwood Corporation
P.O. Box 38900
Charlotte, NC 28278
(800) 727-6884
www.southwoodcorp.com

Conway Development, Inc.
2218 Dickinson Ave.
Greenville NC, 27834
(252) 756-2168
<http://www.go2gmg.com/public-and-civic-memorials/>

We are happy to assist the public with the wording for private markers.

For more information:
www.ncmarkers.com

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