



**THE CITY of**  
**Pascagoula**<sup>TM</sup>  
**MISSISSIPPI's FLAGSHIP CITY**

**CENTURY HOME PROGRAM**  
**INFORMATION PACKET**

**PURPOSE:**

In partnership with the Jackson County Historical Society and Genealogical Society and the Pascagoula Historic Preservation Commission, the City is establishing a Century Home Program. If your home is at least 100 years old, it may qualify for this distinction. The program's purpose is to raise awareness of historic preservation in the community while recognizing residential structures of significant historical interest which add to the historical integrity of their neighborhoods. Qualifying homes will be provided with a plaque in recognition. The program is voluntary for interested property owners and the Program is expected to provide plaques for twenty qualifying homes. Applications will be reviewed on an ongoing basis until all available funds are expended.

**COST:**

This program is made possible by the generous support of the National Park Service and U.S. Department of the Interior, which is administered through the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. Installation and maintenance will be the responsibility of the property owner.

**CRITERIA:**

1. Building shall be documented to be built at least 100 years ago.
2. Building must be listed on the National Registry individually or as a contributing resource within a National Registry Historic District.
3. Original structure should have been built for residential use (no combined uses with commercial or other types of uses). Multi-family structures, bed and breakfast establishments, and other properties are eligible as long as the building has retained its architectural integrity as a residential structure.
4. House must reflect its original architectural character.

5. Additions and alterations to the house are acceptable; however the original architectural character should not be compromised. Houses that have been re-sided with vinyl or other siding types are not automatically disqualified from recognition.
6. House shall not exhibit signs of deferred maintenance, which threatens the economic life of the structure.
7. House should demonstrate how to care for older homes.
8. A moved building may qualify if the move was made to preserve the resource from demolition and if the moved building was not altered in a manner that is inconsistent with its historical integrity.
9. To verify the home's age, the City requests at least two (2) forms of documented evidence. Examples of required documentation include: legal description, style of architecture, deed, plat book entry, photographs, letters and newspaper articles, historic resources inventory sheet, etc.
10. To document the current condition of the home, the City requests photographs of the front, rear, and side elevations.

**SELECTION PROCESS:**

All selection criteria shall be met and findings to this effect will be made for every qualifying home. Applicants are asked to be patient as it may take several weeks or more to accomplish the review of the application and production of the plaque.

**RECOGNITION:**

1. All qualifying homes will be recognized with a 12" x 9" acrylic plaque for placement on the house.
2. Plaque must be placed on the front façade 4 to 6 feet above ground at a visible eye level location near the front door. Exceptions will be considered on a case by case basis.
3. Plaque shall be installed using the provided mounting hardware.
4. Plaque face will feature the program name, the date the structure was built, recognize all program partners and the funding source.
5. Plaques will be presented at a City of Pascagoula Historic Preservation Commission meeting, which occur on the fourth Wednesday of each month, on an ongoing basis until all plaques have been distributed.

**NOTE:** Program award is honorary only and does not provide financial assistance for maintenance of designated homes.

**PROCEDURE:**

1. The City will advertise this opportunity and encourage potential qualifying property owners to apply.
2. Property owners may submit applications on an ongoing basis to the City of Pascagoula Community and Economic Development Department, Attention: Beth Meyer, P.O. Drawer 908, Pascagoula, MS 39568. Applications will be accepted until on an ongoing basis until funds are expended. Research should include date of construction, first owner, architect and any other pertinent information concerning the origin of the building.
3. Qualifying property owners will be notified upon approval.



**CENTURY HOME PROGRAM  
APPLICATION**

Address of Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Present Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Present Owner if different than above: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Construction: \_\_\_\_\_

Supporting Documentation: What supporting documentation are you including with this application form? Please see the information packet for acceptable forms and for resources to assist in your research. If you need assistance gathering documentation, call the Jackson-George Regional Library – Pascagoula Branch (228) 769-3059.

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Is your home listed on the National Registry individually or as a contributing resource within a National Registry Historic District?      Yes      No

Did you include photos of the front, rear, and side elevations of your home?      Yes      No

Other interesting facts about the home:

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Return this application form to:  
City of Pascagoula  
Community and Economic Development Department  
Attn: Beth Meyer  
P.O. Drawer 908, Pascagoula, 39568

For questions, please call the Community and Economic Development Department at (228) 938-6639.

## **LISTING OF RESOURCES TO RESEARCH DOCUMENTATION OF HISTORICAL HOME**

The City of Pascagoula Historic Preservation Commission

Website: <http://cityofpascagoula.com/historic-preservation-commission>

630 Delmas Avenue

Pascagoula, MS 36567

Jackson County Historical and Genealogical Society

Website: <http://www.jchgs-ms.org/>

P.O. Box 984

Pascagoula, MS 39568

Jackson-George Regional Library – Pascagoula Branch

Website: <http://www.jgrls.org/branches/pg-branch.html>

Phone: (228) 769-3060

3214 Pascagoula Street

Pascagoula, MS 39567

Jackson County Chancery Clerk - Land Records

Website: <http://www.co.jackson.ms.us/officials/chancery-clerk/>

Phone: (228) 769-3124

2915 Canty Street

Pascagoula, MS 39567