

# Houghton Township Pioneer Plaque Name Plate Nomination Form

A memorial plaque with engraved copper name plates will be on display in the pavilion to recognize the people who came to the area in and around Houghton Township, Keweenaw County to work and live in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century and early 20<sup>th</sup> century. To qualify for inclusion on the plaque, the pioneer couple must have at least one spouse who came to this area of Keweenaw County before 1920 **or** had at least one spouse who was born there before 1900. See the on the back page for FAQ answers.

Close relatives of the couple may submit a nomination using the form below or the form that is available at <https://www.houghtontownshiparks.com/dedication-1> . Completed application forms can be emailed to [htnsp19@gmail.com](mailto:htnsp19@gmail.com) , mailed to, or delivered to the Houghton Township office. Fill in **either** the left-hand column **or** the right hand column.

## Houghton Township area pioneer family information

The person immigrated before 1920	Or the person was born before 1900
<b>Name of Immigrant:</b>  <i>Example: JOHN FORD</i>	<b>Birth Name of Person:      Date:</b>  
<b>Came From:</b>  <i>Example: Cornwall</i>	<i>Example: Eliza Smith      1872</i>
<b>Came to Local Place Name:      Date:</b>  <i>Example: Copper Falls      1880's</i>	<b>Location:</b>  <i>Example: Phoenix Mine</i>
<b>Spouse (birth name):      Immigrant from, or Name:                              born in:</b>  <i>Example: SALLY SMITH      Mineral Point</i>	<b>Spouse (birth name):      Immigrant from, or Name:                              born in:</b>  <i>Example: ROBERT FORD      Detroit</i>
<b>Connection to the Local Area: Story (profession, anecdote, special significance...)</b>	<b>Connection to the Local Area: Story (profession, anecdote, special significance...)</b>

Fill in the surname and maiden name below (print or type): (maximum of 17 letters per line)

*EXAMPLE*

<b>Spouse 1</b>		SMITH  FORD
<b>Spouse 2</b>		

<b>Sponsor Name:</b>	<b>email (required)</b>	<b>Phone</b>

We will contact you via email or text after reviewing your application. If the nominated couple is accepted, send a check for \$20 to: Houghton Township 5059 4<sup>th</sup> Street Eagle River, MI 49950

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## FAQ

- **What is the Houghton Township area?** Any location within 10 miles of the current Houghton Township boundary.
- **Who can sponsor a pioneer family?** A close relative, typically a grandchild, or great grandchild. Sponsor need not be current local residents.
- **How many spaces are available for name plates?** The “Shaft house” plaque would have room for about 40 name plates. An additional 48 could be placed on an adjacent “hoist house” plaque.
- **What does it cost?** The current cost for a 3” x 1” custom engraved name plate is \$20. Send payment to the township clerk (5059 4<sup>th</sup> Street Eagle River, MI 49950) if your application is approved.
- **How many relatives can you sponsor?** No more than 4 plates per sponsor. We will inform you if your nominated pioneer couple has already been nominated and accepted by another relative.
- **What names are on the plate?** Birth surnames: birth (maiden) name for females; birth family name for males. Exception: If the family name was legally changed, then either name is acceptable.
- **What about a pioneer with multiple spouses?** A separate plate with each spouse is allowed.
- **What if the name is longer than 17 characters?** Then both names will be in smaller print.
- **What about different couples with the same surnames?** Follow each surname with the initial.
- **Why 1920?** To include those who came to work and live here near the “end” of the Houghton Township copper boom and the transition to forestry.
- **What factors influence the acceptance of a nomination?**
  - Preference given to pioneers who lived and/or worked in the Houghton Township area.
  - Reviewed by three people
  - Timing: First come/first served
  - Available space on plaque

## HYPOTHETICAL EXAMPLES OF QUALIFYING PIONEER FAMILIES

1. Jane Roe’s father came to work in the Cliff mine for a few years but then moved to Calumet for a new job.
2. John Johnson’s family started working on the iron range but moved to Central in the 1880’s.
3. Bill Brown’s great uncle was born in Copper Falls in 1892 and he wants to sponsor his great uncle and aunt.
4. Joyce Stuart’s grandfather came to Phoenix in 1913 to be the minister of the Methodist Church.
5. Bob Jones’ great-grandfather worked at the Cliff Mine but lived in Mohawk.

## HYPOTHETICAL EXAMPLES OF FAMILIES WHO WOULD NOT QUALIFY

1. Jane Doe’s father came here in the 1920’s, established a business in town, and lived here the rest of his life.
2. Robert Johnson’s mother came to Hancock in 1900 and never lived near Houghton Township.
3. Bob Brown’s father was born in Eagle Harbor in 1913.
4. Sue Stuart was a close friend of her neighbor who moved to Ahmeek in 1904.