



CIRCA BOARDS

House or structure must be at least 100 years old and have maintained some historically significant architectural style. There was a Structure Survey done in Babylon Village in 1980 of all historically significant buildings. This information is available, to help you date your building, at the Babylon Historical Society Museum and at the Babylon Public Library. You can also obtain a copy of your deed at the Suffolk County Clerk's Office (*see address, phone & web below*). We also have an information sheet - "How Old Is My House?" available with instructions on how to *trace* your deed.

1. Please fill out the application.
2. Attach copies of any pictures and documents that help date the house or disclose the history of the house.
3. Return completed application, photos and documentation, along with the \$100 fee (payable to the Babylon Village Historical Society) - to the BVHS - see address below.
4. Your application will be presented to the Board of Trustees of the Historical Society for approval.
5. We will call to let you know when you can pick-up your Circa Board.

Fee of \$100 includes: 1 year membership to the Historical Society

BVHS Mailing address:

Babylon Village Historical Society
PO Box 484,
Babylon, NY 11702
631-669-1756

The museum is located at 117 W. Main St., Babylon Village
www.babylonvillagehistoricalsociety.org

Suffolk County Clerk's Office:
310 Center Drive, Riverhead, NY 11901
631-852-2000

Web site for Suffolk County Clerk's Office:
<http://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/countyclerk.aspx>
click on: Copies or Certified Copies of Documents

Thank you for your interest and for caring about a part of our history.

For Circa questions of the Babylon Historical Society
please call (631)669-1756 or email
www.babylonvillagehistoricalsociety.org



HOW OLD IS MY HOUSE?

We often get calls from residents who wish to know more about their homes. How old are they? Who were the previous owners? Where can I look up the old deed?

1. Read your deed. It is recorded in Riverhead in the Liber book - and on the page number listed on the top right-hand corner of your deed. At the end of the description of your property, you will find references to earlier Liber and pages. Jot down those numbers.
2. In the Record Room of the Suffolk County Clerk's Office, go to the row of numbered Libers on the shelves - and look for the Liber with the lowest number recorded on your deed. This deed will then refer you to a previous Liber and page number to keep looking up earlier deeds.
3. As you keep looking back through the various earlier deeds, you will eventually arrive at one deed for your property only - with no building description on it. If you add a year to this date, you will probably be the as close as you can come to the actual building of your house. (Building permits were not recorded, but some recent ones can be found in your Town Clerk or Village Clerk's Office or their Building Departments.
4. If you have no Liber number on your deed, but do have names, the following procedure is recommended: In the Suffolk County Clerk's Office, all the names of sellers (Grantors) and buyers (Grantees) are listed in handwritten alphabetical indices in the Record's Room. These go back to the 1600's. Look in these indices for the name you have (grantor or grantee). The index bindings list the initials and dates included. If you find a name similar to the one on your deed, take down the Liber number and page number. Proceed to the Liber and read the description of the property. The name of the Town (or Village) will be mentioned and it will be easy to know if it is yours. If your house is an 1800's home, plan to spend an afternoon.
5. There is also an interesting Map Room and books of old sub-divisions.
6. Call the Suffolk County Clerk's Office, or go to their web site (see information below) for directions, hours and further information.

Phone and Address of Suffolk County Clerk's Office:

310 Center Drive, Riverhead, NY 11901
631-852-2000

Web site for Suffolk County Clerk's Office:

<http://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/countyclerk.aspx>
click on: Historic Documents Library



CIRCA BOARD APPLICATION

NAME _____ **DATE:** _____

ADDRESS: _____ **TELEPHONE #** _____

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE: _____

STYLE OF STRUCTURE: _____

ORIGINAL OWNER: _____

ORIGINAL BUILDER: _____

ESTIMATED YEAR OF CONSTRUCTION: _____

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF STRUCTURAL CHANGES OF ORIGINAL HOUSE:

HOUSE DOCUMENTS IN YOUR POSSESSION:

LIST OF EARLY PHOTOGRAPHS OF STRUCTURE:

SIGNED: _____