

## Virtual Historical Markers of Pharmacy & Pharmaceuticals Across North America

### Nomination Form

Use this form to nominate event/site combinations that deserve recognition for their pivotal role in the history of pharmacy and pharmaceuticals across North America. These data will feed an Internet-accessible map and archive found at [aihp.org/historicmarkers](http://aihp.org/historicmarkers).

**Eligibility:** Key events of national or statewide influence or meaning in the history of pharmaceutical discovery, medication use, pharmacy practice, pharmacy education, pharmacy associations, and related activities across North America.

Corresponding Google Form for nominations available at  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1939FwS0z8euxZ-jTmO4z6RYaxV\\_DMkVArF19Inc5tQ4](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1939FwS0z8euxZ-jTmO4z6RYaxV_DMkVArF19Inc5tQ4)

Examples	<p>Discovery or first synthesis of first-in-class pharmaceuticals                      (but not each member of a therapeutic class)</p> <p>Sites of pivotal events in science or clinical practice                      (but not incremental improvements)</p> <p>First pharmacy classes at colleges of pharmacy                      [but not additions of themed degrees (eg, MS or PhD in XXX)]</p> <p>First meetings of pharmacy associations and regulatory boards</p> <p>Publication of official compendia (but not other publications or software)</p>
Not eligible	<p>Markers noting merely 'this building was owned by a pharmacist.'</p> <p>Markers noting merely 'a pharmacy was located here' or 'a pharmacist lived here.'</p> <p>Markers denoting a pharmacy passed down through multiple generations of a family.</p> <p>Markers denoting an advanced instance (e.g., the x,000th).</p> <p>First pharmacy in a town. <i>Eligible:</i> First or oldest pharmacy in a state.</p> <p>Pharmacies cited as part of historic business districts without qualifying distinction.</p> <p>Colleges: Markers denoting founding of parent academic institution (e.g., university).</p> <p>Individuals: Living persons or those deceased fewer than 20 years.</p> <p>Individuals: People who were first to achieve a certain rank or status level.</p> <p>Individuals <u>except</u> for extraordinary, singular contributions influencing national practice norms (e.g., Nobel Prize) . If several people did comparable things, consider the first, but only if science or practice pivotally advanced.</p>
It depends...	<p>Nominations based on "one of the first ___" status will be assessed for uniqueness.</p> <p>Inclusion on the National Register for Historic Places (NHRP) may be based primarily on architectural grounds. Ergo, NRHP status alone is not sufficient to merit inclusion.</p> <p>We recognize major corporations contributing to progress of healthcare (including those no longer doing business), but may not include every corporate merger or acquisition. (emphasis on foundings)</p>

Physical Markers    If your event/site combination has a physical historic marker commemorating it, we encourage you to submit it for inclusion in the Historic Marker Database (HMDB.org).

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*[Use word-processing function to insert text as directed.]*

1. Nominator (name, affiliation, contact info, email)                      Date submitted:
  
2. Summary Description                      (*<= 6 words preferred*)  
    [examples: Louis Pasteur, Discovery of Insulin, American College of Apothecaries]  
    Exception: University of North Acme College of Pharmacy
  
3. Location of First Gathering or First Rx Classes or Event                      (*please list as many elements as known*)
  - a. street address, city, county, state, postal code  
    Format: Use standard abbreviations with title case: Ave, St, Dr, Rd, *et cetera*.  
    Spell out state or province name (e.g., North Carolina).  
  
    Building name or number  
  
    Nearest intersection, side of the road; reduce ambiguity, especially if street address is not adequately descriptive.  
  
    Latitude + longitude                      (editors can assign if enough other info provided)  
    *Preferred format*, decimal degrees: DD.dddddd, when right-clicking at maps.google.com.
  
4. Extended Description                      *When / who / what / how / why significant*  
    Primary description: target 250 words or 1,000 characters, able to stand alone.  
    Give original names, then explain and date any renaming.  
    Include terms or acronyms in this field; important when users search the dataset.  
    If a physical marker exists, enter text exactly as shown on marker. Convert all caps to sentence case.  
  
    See examples provided below.
  
5. Rationale. Explain why this event/location deserves to be selected (250 words or fewer).
  
6. Support Material:

a. Provide website URL(s) that provide substantive detail of the history of the event or organization (if you don't already have one, we encourage you to add a detailed history-of-us page at your website!)

b. Provide other website URLs describing the event/location.

c. Provide relevant journal citations or similar published references.

7. Physical Marker. If a physical marker exists at this site, list marker type (e.g., marker on pole), marker sponsor (e.g., Acme Historical Society), and date of marker (e.g., YYYY Mmm DD). Separately, we encourage you to submit your marker for inclusion in the Historic Marker Database (HMDB.org), if it isn't already listed.

8. Local plans for public announcement (e.g., draft text for newsletter or press release). Describe what you will do locally to tell others of your recognition and raise awareness about this project:

9. Peer Endorsement. Before an inclusion decision is reached, you may be asked to submit an 'endorsement of inclusion' by a national professional society, your state or provincial pharmacy association, or similar independent entity:

Questions for endorsers to address:

*Validity:* Does this event/site combination indeed reflect the most \_\_\_\_ instance of its kind?

*Scope:* Is this event of national or statewide relevance in history of pharmacy and pharmaceuticals?

*Clarity:* Is descriptive text accurate, avoiding hyperbole? Is it balanced for detail and succinctness?

**References and Examples:** PCPS example: [explorepahistory.com/hmarker.php%3FmarkerId=1-A-383.html](http://explorepahistory.com/hmarker.php%3FmarkerId=1-A-383.html)

Historical Marker Database: <https://www.hmdb.org/> National Historic Marker Day: Last Friday in April

American Chemical Society examples:

[www.acs.org/education/whatischemistry/landmarks/landmarksdirectory.html](http://www.acs.org/education/whatischemistry/landmarks/landmarksdirectory.html)

*Smithsonian* magazine: [www.smithsonianmag.com/history/why-historical-markers-matter-180982833/](http://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/why-historical-markers-matter-180982833/)

Please return completed form and attachments to [research@aihp.org](mailto:research@aihp.org).

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## Template for Drafting Summary Descriptions and Extended Descriptions

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There is no single correct way to summarize or describe an event for a historic marker.

Good descriptions are succinct, clear, unambiguous, and evocative.

The following table offers some best practices and examples for drafting a description.

Parameter	Best Practice	Example	Comment
<b>Summary Description</b>	Target <= 6 words (minimize university names) Use current name; see treatment of previous names below.	Louis Pasteur Discovery of Insulin « <i>org name</i> »	
<b>Extended Description</b>	No need to repeat facts included in Summary Description.		
Throughout	Be specific. Be precise.		
When	Preferred: YYYY Mmm DD Projects may be reported as an interval (194x-194y) Individuals: give lifespan (18xx-19yy)		
What	Name the pivotal event:	Advance, discovery, first meeting, first Rx classes, invention, synthesis	
Name changes	... founded as « <i>original name</i> » ... Renamed « <i>successor</i> » in 19xx and later as « <i>current name</i> » in 20xx.		
Where <i>1st meeting, 1st classes</i>	... in « <i>Blank Hall, Blank Building</i> » « <i>at 123 Main St, City,</i> » in the « <i>Blank Room, on the xth floor</i> » ... Later moved to _____		
Who	Describe how many of what kind of people enabled « <i>event</i> »		
Relevance, contribution	Purpose, mission, utility, or application (in plain language)		

### Template Description for School of Pharmacy

The University of North Acme traces its roots to 18xx, when it organized as the << previous name >> in << city>>. << Name >> was appointed the first dean of the College of Pharmacy. Classes within an organized curriculum in pharmacy began in << mmm yyyy >> in << Alpha Hall >>. << Tell succinct story of size of the first cohort of students. >> Pharmacy classes and faculty offices moved to << Bravo Hall>> in 19xx and then to << Charlie Hall>> in 20xx. The buildings were named for << tell succinct stories of the honorees >>. << Explain College's context regionally, if compelling.>> << Tell succinct stories of when curriculum switched from 2-year to 4-year (19xx), then to 5-year (19xx), and then to all-PharmD (20xx).

### **Template Description for Pharmacy Association**

On << date >>, ## pharmacists assembled in << city >> to organize an association of pharmacists << for a geography or a specialized skill >>. These pharmacists were motivated to join together to << tell how they described their purpose in the early days>> The first meeting was held in << building>> with << name >> serving as the presiding officer << or elected president>>. << The first executive director was << name>> . <<Tell a succinct story of the early years (few members, meager dues or budget.>> Initially known as << first name,>> the group was renamed << second name>> in yyyy. << Optional, if compelling: its long-time offices were housed in << building, street, city.>>

### **Template Description for State Board of Pharmacy or Provincial Pharmacy College**

Authorized by the << Act of 18xx >>, the first meeting of the << initial name of board / college >> was held on Mmm dd, yyyy, in city. The members included ## pharmacists and << describe any other members>>. The duties/responsibilities of the board/college initially included << quote if succinct>>. The first meeting was held in << building>> with << name >> serving as the presiding officer << or elected president>>. << The first executive director was << name>> . <<Tell a succinct story of major crises or opportunities the board/college dealt with.>> The board/college was renamed << second name>> in yyyy. << Optional, if compelling: its long-time offices were housed in << building, street, city.>>

### **Template Description for Pharmacy Chain**

On Mmm dd, yyyy, << name of founder >> opened a pharmacy at << street, city.>> << Tell succinct story of the founder's preparation.>> Gradually, the business grew, << tell succinct story of growth and innovations >>. << Tell succinct story of retrenchment during slowdowns.>> << If applicable, tell succinct story of acquisition by another chain.>>

### **Template Description for Pharmaceutical Manufacturer or Research Institute**

On Mmm dd, yyyy, << name of founder >> opened a manufacturing facility at << street, city.>> << Tell succinct story of the founder's preparation.>> Gradually, the business grew, << tell succinct story of growth and innovations >>. << Tell succinct story of retrenchment during slowdowns.>> << If applicable, tell succinct story of acquisition by another company>>.