



## If Houses Could Talk: Kennebunk

*Share the amazing history of your home with the public!*

Kennebunk's Bicentennial will be celebrated from June 20 – 28 this year. Make your house a part of our shared history!

The instructions are simple:

1. Draft your text of 4-5 sentences (max). Tell some interesting tidbit – contemporary or historic, personal, or public – about your building or the people inside it. Examples:– “In 2005, during construction, we found a shoe in the wall,” or – “Captain Smith lived here in 1776; he and his wife had 11 children.”
2. If you want help investigating the history of your house: The Brick Store Museum can help! We have a volunteer deed researcher, and may have information in our archives about your house. Contact the Collections Manager, Leanne Hayden, via email: [lhayden@brickstoremuseum.org](mailto:lhayden@brickstoremuseum.org) with your home address (for title research), and anything you might already know about it (i.e. names of previous owners, etc.). *Please be patient for a response from staff & volunteers* 😊
3. With a permanent marker, copy your text onto a posterboard. Add your street address at the bottom of the poster. Complimentary posterboard will be supplied by the Museum in mid-May, and can be picked up at our Front Desk.
4. Confirm your participation by entering your address into the website at [www.brickstoremuseum.org/ifhousescouldtalk](http://www.brickstoremuseum.org/ifhousescouldtalk).
5. Put your sign out by your front sidewalk by 9 AM on Saturday, June 20, 2020 (since this will be on view for a week, remember to take it in during rain/weather)
6. Remove your sign on Sunday, June 28, 2020. Recycle the materials!
7. After taking part, please make sure to send a copy of your research to the Brick Store Museum – building the history of our town, its people and its buildings depends on dedicated history champions like you!

If you already have your home's history – fantastic! All you need to do is make a poster and register your address (#s 3-6 above)

The goal of *If Houses Could Talk: Kennebunk* is to:

- Create a family friendly activity for Kennebunk residents
- Celebrate the Bicentennial together as a community
- Make residents and visitors aware of the history all around them
- Contribute to Kennebunk's sense of place