TAGGING FEATURE RELEASED

The Historical Marker Database is marking the beginning of its 15th year of operation with a new feature that will allow readers to build personalized lists and create individualized maps of historical markers they are interested in. We call it Tagging.

One use of Tagging would be to create a map of historic location stops for, say, a weekend outing. On your mobile phone our maps interacts with your phone’s navigation app to take you from one stop to another. Another use might be to keep a list of places you’ve visited. Up to 5 different tags are available and you can give each of them any name you want: “This weekend’s trip,” “Next weekend’s outing,” “Places I’ve seen,” etc.

Here is how it works: First go to the My Markers page to sign in. Then start browsing or searching. One touch on one of the small circular buttons numbered one through five found on our historical marker pages— and on search results—tags that historical marker. Touch again to un-tag it if you change your mind. Continue browsing and searching until you’ve found everything you are looking for. You can do your tagging in one sitting, or continue to add to your tag lists over weeks and months. Finally, your My Markers page tracks your tags and has links to create lists and maps.

Tags are also useful for your local history research projects, history studies assignments, creating historical bucket lists, marking favorite historical sites, marking interesting historical facts to discuss with others—the list goes on and on. As mentioned earlier, you can simultaneously work with five different lists and can clear them out when you are finished with them and rename them for a new uses. Tagging is easy to use and reuse and lists are personal to you. Give Tagging a try next time you visit us.

About HMdb.org. The Historical Marker Database is a free Internet resource with over 126,000 illustrated local history pages viewed through the filter of roadside and other permanent outdoor markers, monuments, and plaques. Search capabilities are extensive. Hundreds of new pages are published weekly. All locations have been verified by our own correspondents, typically photographically. Our pages have been created by over 5,000 volunteer correspondents and individually published by 37 volunteer editors to maintain editorial consistency.

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