



## Historical Marker Style Sheet

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In addition to this document, the committee will refer to the *Alabama Review* style sheet [link] and the most recent edition of the *Chicago Manual of Style*

act/Act (Restrictive Act of 1832, but 1832 act)

African American (no hyphen in any case), not negro or colored except in direct quotation. Black is also acceptable.

amendment, but Twenty-fourth Amendment

antebellum (lower case)

circa abbreviated as ca. not c.

century – numerical designations (i.e.: 19<sup>th</sup> century) are acceptable except when beginning a sentence.

Civil Rights movement

Civil War or sectional crisis (not War Between the States or any other iteration unless in direct quotation)

dates: use month, day, year form, i.e., October 22, 1948, in headline, use all numbers for a spread of years. i.e. 1933-1940, questionable date: (1868?-1941)

Jr. – do not set off with coma: Martin Luther King Jr.

military grades: abbreviate with full name, but do not abbreviate with surname only; for example, Maj. Edward Nicholls, but Major Nicholls

military regiments: Eleventh Alabama, 137th Alabama. Spell out numbers under 100.

nicknames: Charlotte “Lottie” Barnes

Sr. – do not set off with coma (i.e.: Ben Davis Sr.)

she or her – Do not use when discussing anything but women. A boat is “it,” and so is Alabama.