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100 Year History of the REALTORS® Association of York & Adams Counties

One hundred years ago a group of 9 real estate salespeople came together to bring standards, respect and public trust to an emerging profession and to help more York Countians achieve the dream of homeownership.

For the past 100 years the REALTORS® Association of York & Adams Counties has been an integral part of our members success. From humble beginnings of 9 members to growing today to over 1300 REALTOR® members and the 8th largest association in Pennsylvania, the relentless spirit of RAYAC has stayed the same. Whether our members are helping people move down the street or move from halfway across the country, our mission has always led others home.

Let's take a look back at the association highlights as we honor our past.

On April 14, 1923 a historic moment happened where 9 real estate sales people gathered to charter the York Real Estate Board. Dues were only about \$1 per year.

Soon after the association bylaws were formed and are the shoulders in which our association exists today.

*Promote Friendship and Cooperation amongst REALTORS®.

*Secure uniformity in practice.

*Standardize methods of valuating property

*Maintains a standard of Business Ethics prescribed by the National Association of REALTORS®.

*Dignifies the name REALTOR®.

Always ahead of its time, the York Real Estate Board was chartered 6 years before real estate licensing was established by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The Real Estate Brokers License Act of 1929 was signed into law in Pennsylvania and defined the terms real estate broker and real estate salesman and provided for licensing, regulation, supervision of resident and nonresident real estate brokers and their business. In 1929 a broker's license fee was \$10 and a salesman's license fee was \$5.

In 1945 a milestone in our industry occurred with the creation of the Pennsylvania Real Estate Commission.

In 1951 the Landlord and Tenant Act was signed into law and that same year the Realty Transfer Tax Act which allowed the commonwealth to impose a tax of 1% of the value of property being transferred. Although this act was only supposed to be in effect from February 1, 1952 through May 31, 1953 it is still with us today.

In 1956 the York Real Estate Board jurisdiction changed to include parts of Adams County.

In 1965 the York Real Estate Board changed its name to the York Board of REALTORS.

In March of 1965 RAYAC's longest active consecutive member Rick Smith joined the association.

In 1966 Hanna Snyder was installed as the association's first female president.

1968 The Fair Housing Act was signed into law. The Fair Housing Act prohibited discrimination concerning the sale, rental and financing of housing based on race, religion, national origin or sex.

In 1973 the Hanover-Adams Board of REALTORS® was chartered. The York board of REALTORS® changed their name to the York County Board of REALTORS® and released territory to the new Hanover/Adams Board of REALTORS.

1982 marked the year the Association became known as an "All REALTOR®" Board, marking a new opportunity for all licensees to become active, vote, and hold office, including the presidency not just real estate brokers.

In **1992**, the first mandatory continuing education classes were held in Pennsylvania for real estate licensees. Fourteen (14) hours must be certified in order to renew licenses that expired May 31, 1994. This cycle continues biennially. The adoption of CE in Pennsylvania catapulted the association to develop our real estate school a pillar in the standards of real estate education today.

In 1993 York County Board of REALTORS® Changed its name to York County Association of REALTORS.

In 1997 the York County Board of REALTORS® and the Hanover-Adams Board of REALTORS® merged to become the REALTORS® Association of York & Adams Counties.

In 1998 RAYAC went to an all-out fully online MLS system, one of the first associations in the country to do so.

In 1999 Sellers disclosure law enacted in Pennsylvania.

1999 also saw the introduction of Consumer Notice and Buyer Agency in Pennsylvania.

In 2007, RAYAC became a homeowner, building our beautiful office in the York City Industrial park at 901 Smile Way, York PA.

In 2010, the RAYAC Board of Directors voted to adopt the Pennsylvania Association of REALTORS® Agreement of Sale, becoming the last association in Pennsylvania who produced their own local forms.

After decades of advocacy, countless continuing education courses, and thousands of REALTORS® walking through the doors of RAYAC 100 years later, we are still here, helping you welcome others home. From here we will continue to grow our member base, plant our roots and build our foundation. The possibilities are endless for us all. We stand 100 years strong on the shoulders of those who brought us this far. You our members, you bring a wealth of knowledge to the table that will help us accelerate the goals and objectives of the association well into the foreseeable future. If our history has proven anything to us, it is that we are the future.

Cheers to 100 Years!