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STATE OF ALABAMA

ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION
725 MONROE STREET
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36130
PHONE: 832-6621



ALABAMA INVENTORY AND WORKSHEET FOR LANDMARKS

COUNTY Autauga

PRESENT NAME Daniel Pratt Farm Gin HISTORIC NAME _____

LOCATION (Street and number) Prattville City Hall, 101 W. Main Street, Prattville.

TOWN (Give directions if rural) Prattville, Alabama

PRESENT USE Display HISTORIC USE Cotton Gin

OWNERSHIP: Public Private Public acquisition being considered

OWNER'S NAME City of Prattville

MAILING ADDRESS 101 W. Main Street

Prattville, Alabama 36067

CONDITION: Excellent Good Fair Ruins

INTEGRITY: Original Site Moved ~~What?~~ Portable.

From where? _____ Give details in significance.

THREATS: No Yes By What? _____

RESTORATION WORK: Being considered Underway Completed Not planned

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Open land Woodland Scattered buildings
High building density Commercial Industrial
Residential Rural

If there are numerous buildings in the area, could this structure be part of a Historic District?

SIGNIFICANCE: Why is this important associated with events, persons, or movements
Local State National
 a good example of a type or style of structure
 other--Good example of an important farm implement.

Explain: (Expand on the significance of the building. If architecturally significant, give details being very specific. Additional data on what aspects of the community's development the building represents, or a specific event, trend or person related to the building's importance.)

DANIEL PRATT FARM GIN

Significance

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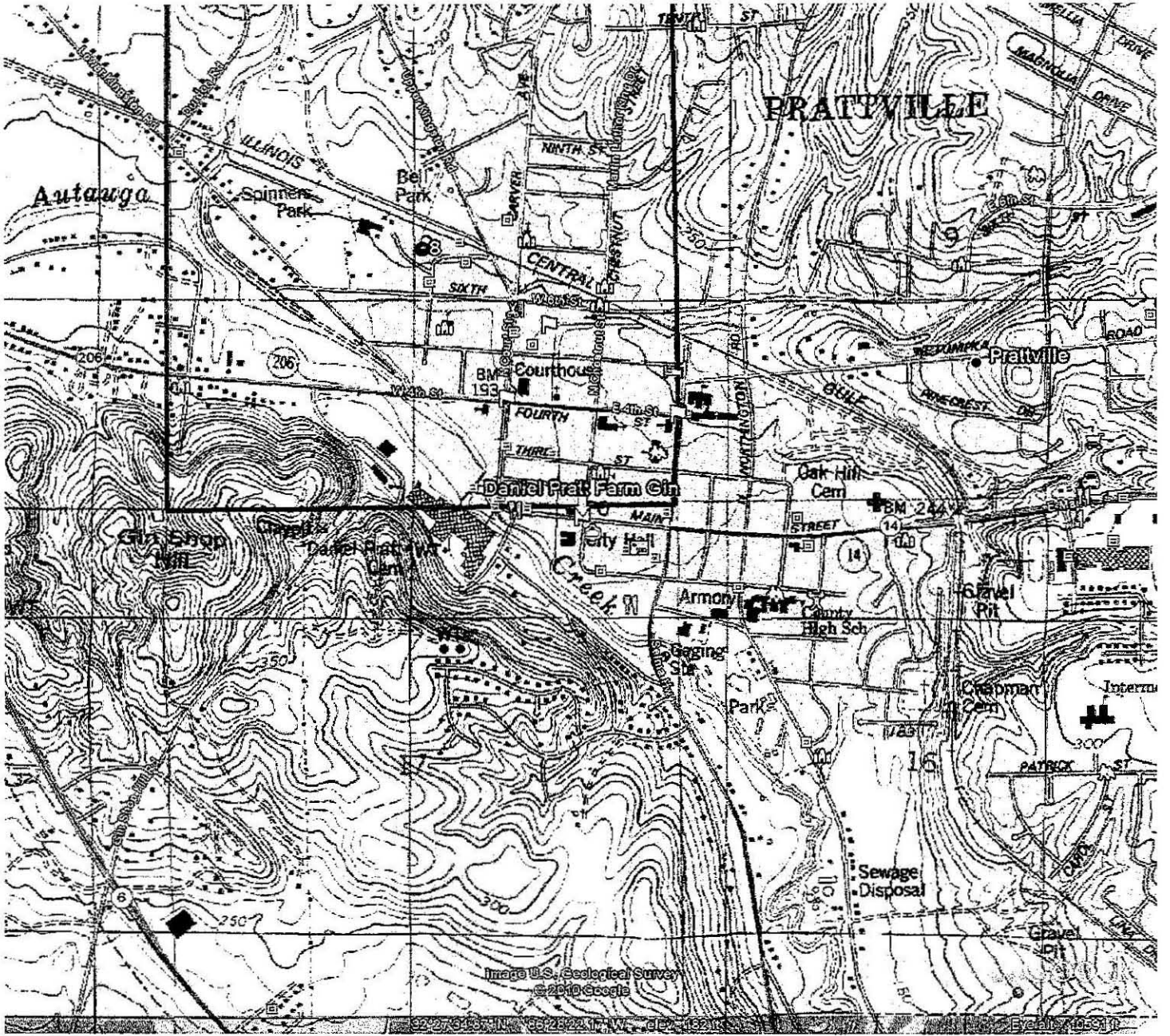


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ALABAMA HISTORIC INVENTORY

Alabama Historical Commission
725 Monroe Street
Montgomery, Alabama 36130

<p>1. No.</p> <p>2. County Autauga</p> <p>3. Location of Negatives</p>	<p>4. Present Name(s) <i>Machinery</i> Daniel Pratt Farm Gin/Display</p> <p>5. Other Name(s)</p>	<p>1. No.</p> <p>2. County Autauga</p> <p>4. Present Name(s) Daniel Pratt Farm Gin</p>						
<p>6. Specific Location Prattville City Hall 101 West Main Street</p> <p>7. City or Town If Rural, Township & Vicinity Prattville 36067</p> <p>8. Site Plan with North Arrow</p>	<p>16. Thematic Category Technology, Agriculture, Commerce</p> <p>17. Date(s) or Period 1844</p> <p>18. Style or Design</p> <p>19. Architect or Engineer</p> <p>20. Contractor or Builder Pratt Gin Company</p> <p>21. Original Use, if apparent farm gin</p> <p>22. Present Use Historic display</p> <p>23. Ownership Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>24. Owner's Name & Address, if known City of Prattville 101 W. Main St. 36067</p> <p>25. Local Contact</p> <p>26. Location of Additional Data</p>	<p>27. No. of Stories</p> <p>28. Basement? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>29. Foundation Material</p> <p>30. Wall Construction</p> <p>31. Roof Type & Material</p> <p>32. No. of Bays Front Side</p> <p>33. Wall Treatment</p> <p>34. Plan Shape</p> <p>35. Changes Addition <input type="checkbox"/> (Explain Altered <input type="checkbox"/> in No. 41) Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>36. Condition Interior _____ Exterior <u>Good</u></p> <p>37. Preservation Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Underway? No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>38. Endangered? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> By What? No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>39. Visible from Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Public Road? No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>40. Acreage, Lot Size</p>						
<p>9. Coordinates</p> <p>Lat. _____ Long. _____</p> <p>U.T.M. Reference</p> <table style="width:100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 33px; height: 15px;"></td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 33px; height: 15px;"></td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 33px; height: 15px;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;">Zone</td> <td style="border: none;">Easting</td> <td style="border: none;">Northing</td> </tr> </table> <p>10. Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>11. On National Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 12. On Ala. Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Register? No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Register? No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>13. Part of Estab. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 14. District Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Hist. Dist.? No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Potent'l? No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>15. Name of Established District</p>				Zone	Easting	Northing	<p>41. Further Description of Important Features This antique farm gin on display in the Prattville City Hall is a rare example of the type of gin used on small AL. farms in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The 3'x5' gin could be operated by one man or a mule.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 100%; text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;"> <p>Photo</p> </div> <p>42. History and Significance Pratt, a native of New Hampshire, came to AL. in 1833 and built the state's first cotton gin factory at General John Albert Elmore's plantation near Elmore Station. Later he built a gin shop on leased land at McNeil's Landing on Autauga Creek, 2½ miles downstream from what is now the city of Prattville. Pratt purchased the site of present-day Prattville in 1835 and built the Gin Factory still being used by the Bush Hog Continental Gin Factory in 1838.</p> <p>43. Description of Environment and Outbuildings Prattville City Hall. Urban setting.</p>	<p>5. Other Name(s)</p> <p>6. Card Typed</p>
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<p>44. Sources of Information AR file</p>	<p>45. Prepared By</p> <p>46. Phone</p> <p>47. Date 6-26-78</p> <p>48. Staff Member D. Baldwin</p> <p>49. Revision Date(s)</p>							

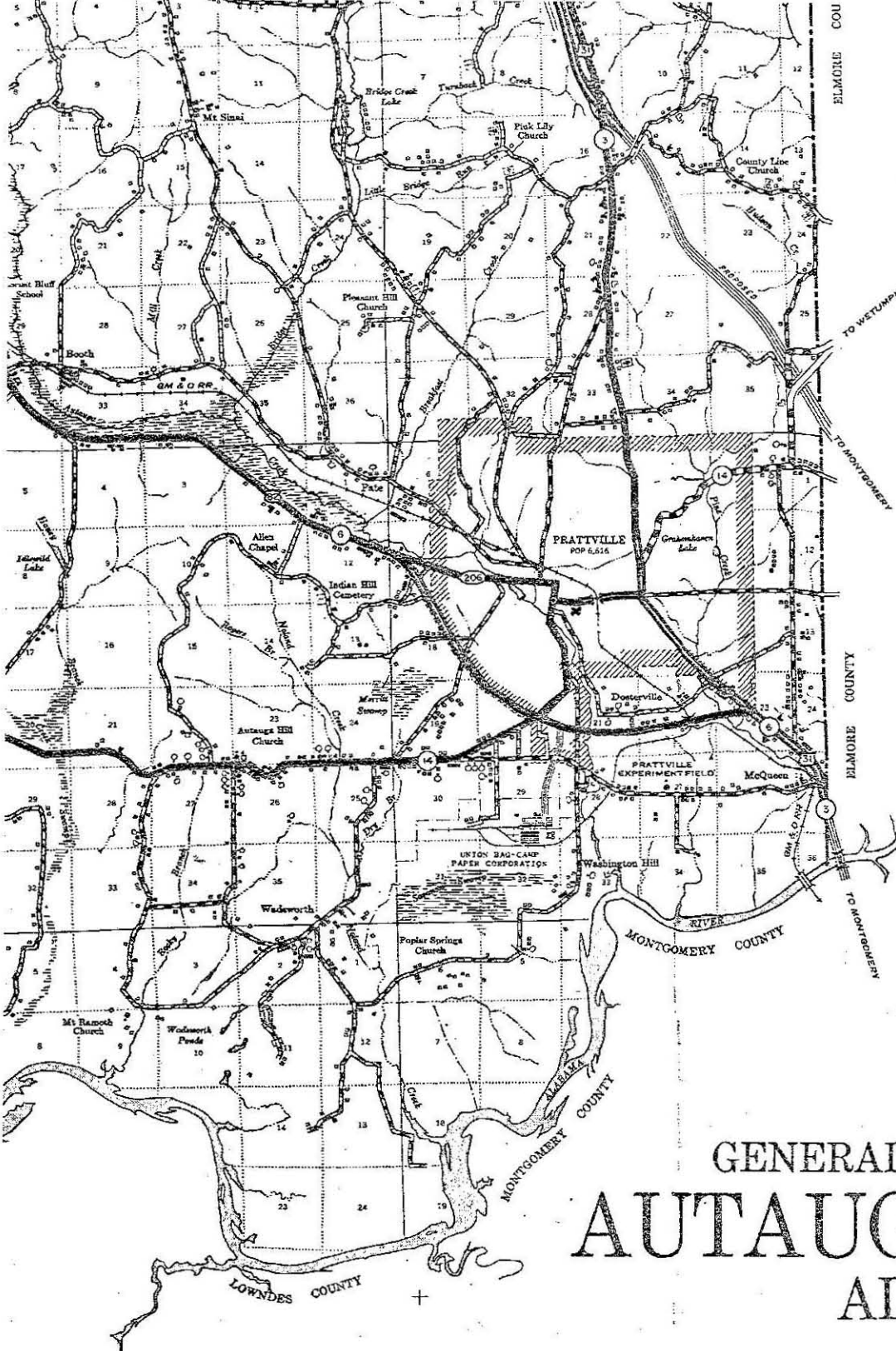
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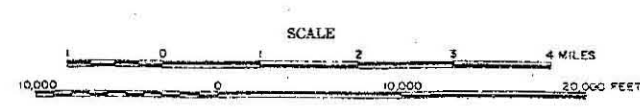
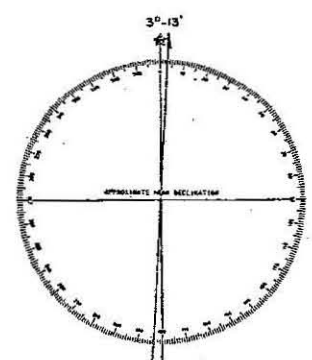
130-YEAR-OLD GIN — Continental/Moss-Gordin made one of the first contributions to the Prattville Bicentennial, donating one of the original gins made by Daniel Pratt. The gin was manufactured in 1844, and as the sign says, has been in use nearly ever since. The Gin is on display in the Prattville City Hall. Inspecting the device is, from left, C/MG president C.M. Merkel, Mayor C.M. Gray, commission head Richard Garrett and E.T. Wairond of C/MG.



BRIDGE CROSSING	ON HIGHWAY	ON OTHER THAN HIGHWAY
RAILROAD ABANDONED	RAILROAD BRIDGE	RAILROAD TUNNEL
SHIP AND BARGE LINES	DOCK, PIER OR LANDING	HEAD OF NAVIGATION
NAVIGABLE STREAM - INTERMITTENT	NAVIGABLE STREAM WITH DAM AND LOCK	CANAL
INTRA-COASTAL WATERWAY	HIGHWAY BRIDGE	SMALL BRIDGES CLOSELY SPACED
DRYBRIDGE (UNUSUAL TYPE OR GAPS)	DRYBRIDGE	DRYBRIDGE
ARCH BRIDGE	TRUSS OR GIRDER BRIDGE	CATTLEWATER BRIDGE
CONVOYED BRIDGE	HIGHWAY GRADE SEPARATION	
PICNIC GROUNDS	PLAYGROUND, BALL FIELD, ETC.	GATHING BEACH OR SWIMMING POOL
TOURIST COURT OR MOTEL	CAMP OR LODGE	SMALL PARK (STATE, CO-COUNTY)
FOREST RANGER STATION	OBSERVATION OR LOOKOUT TOWER	PROMINENT PEAK AND LOOKOUT TOWER
FISH HATCHERY - BASIN	FISH HATCHERY - POND	GAME PRESERVE
GOLF COURSE OR COUNTRY CLUB	RACING ACADAMY	YACHT CLUB
AMUSEMENT PARK OR MALL	FERRISWHEEL, RACE COURSE OR SPOREWHEEL	DRIVE-IN THEATRE
RECREATION AREA OR HISTORIC SITE		
STATE CAPITAL	COUNTY SEAT	OTHER TOWNS AND VILLAGES
INCORPORATED CITY OR TOWN	UNINCORPORATED DELIMITED URBAN AREA	
STATE BOUNDARY	COUNTY BOUNDARY	INCORPORATED CITY
DELIMITED URBAN COMPACT	TOWNSHIP LINE	SECTION LINE
LAND GRANT LINE	ENLARGEMENT INSET BOUNDARY	FENCE - ANY TYPE
NATIONAL FOREST BOUNDARY	STATE PARK BOUNDARY	MILITARY RESERVATION BOUNDARY
DAM WITH ROAD	HIGHWAY TUNNEL	CAUSEWAY
MINOR DRAINAGE STRUCTURE	FORD - ROAD ESTABLISHED	CATTLE GUARD
GATE ACROSS ROAD		
STORAGE OR SMALL BUSINESS	BUSINESS AND POST OFFICE	FACTORY OR INDUSTRIAL PLANT
SARPELL-STATIONARY	WIRE CENTER OR SHED	WIRE OPERING
OIL OR GAS WELL	GROUP OF STORAGE TANKS - OIL OR GAS	PUMPING STATION - OIL OR GAS
GASMS OR PUMPING STATION - GENERAL	SEASONAL CROPS	MILK DEPOT, CREAMERY OR DARY
FRUIT OR NUT GROUNDS	WAREHOUSE - GENERAL	NURSERY
STOCKYARD, LOADING PEN OR CORRAL	GRAVEL PIT	QUARRY
EDUCATIONAL & CORRECTIONAL	SCHOOLHOUSE	CONSOLIDATED OR LARGE SCHOOL
OTHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS	TOWN HALL OR COMMUNITY HALL	AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION
CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION	PRISON FARM	CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION
POST OFFICE	COURTHOUSE	WATER SUPPLY STAND PIPE OR TOWER
PIPE LINE - GAS	PIPE LINE - OIL	TRANSMISSION LINE
POWER PLANT	POWER SUB-STATION	UNDERGROUND TELEPHONE OR RADIO
RADIO OR TELEVISION TOWER		

GENERAL HIGHWAY MAP AUTAUGA COUNTY ALABAMA

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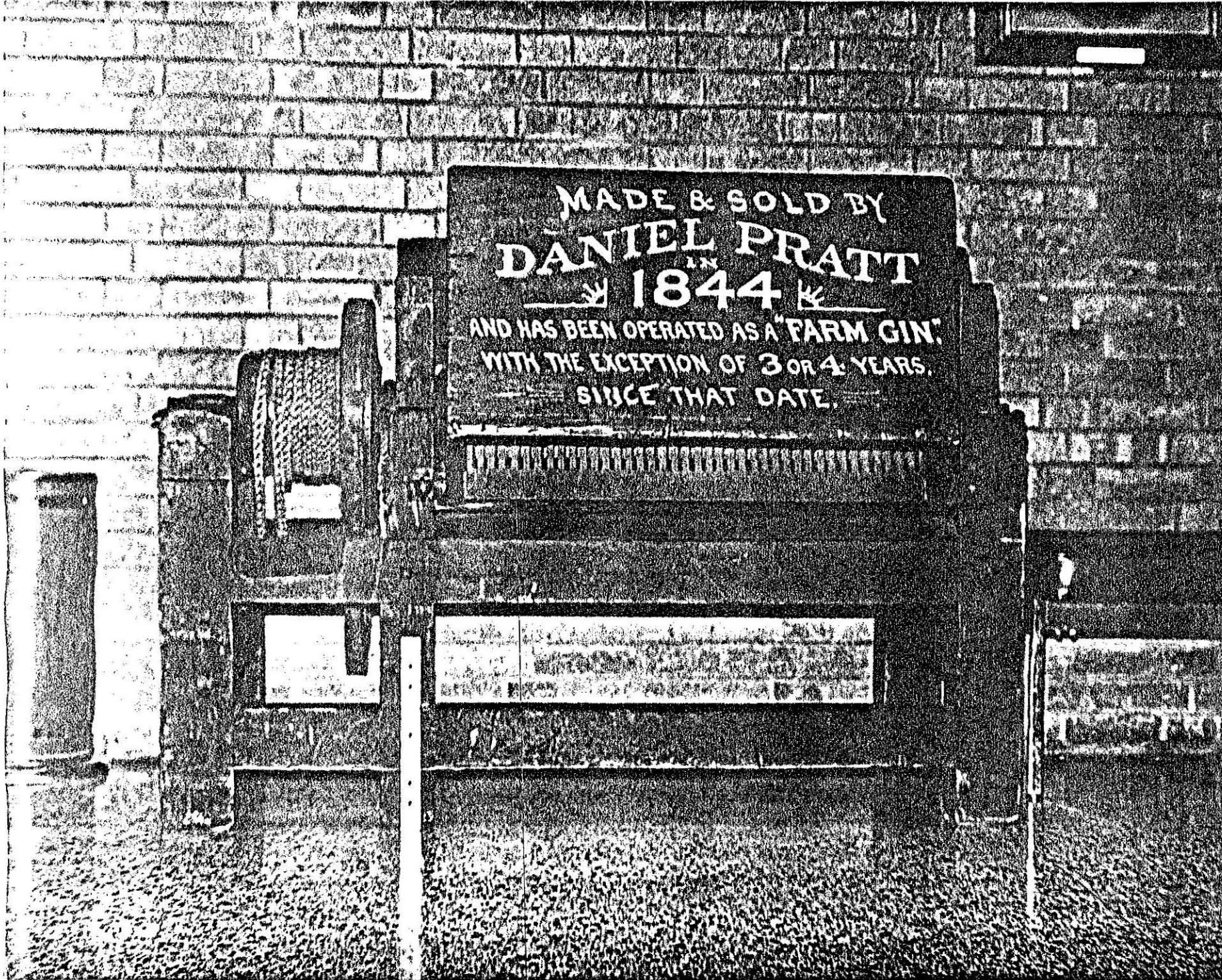
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	1967

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REVIEW COMMITTEE

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Autauga County

W. WARNER FLOYD

APPROVE

DISAPPROVE

Comments

Probably the most significant historic industrial object in Central Alabama

Signed

W. Warner Floyd

Date

3-30-77

JEANETTE BARRETT

APPROVE

DISAPPROVE

Comments

Signed

Jeanette

Date

3-29-77

ELLEN MERTINS

APPROVE

DISAPPROVE

Comments

OK but description, especially last sentence is given - try for a top 10

Signed

EW

DATE

3-29-77

CATHY DONELSON

APPROVE

DISAPPROVE

Comments

Signed

Cathryn Donelson

Date

3/29/77

MAC BROOMS

APPROVE

DISAPPROVE

Comments

Signed

Date

Be sure to give credit to Janet for work in News Release. Also ask if anyone knows where gin was used and who owned it before Continental this.



W WARNER FLOYD
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

725 MONROE STREET
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36104



TELEPHONE NUMBER
832-6621

March 31, 1977

Mr. C. M. Gray, Mayor
City of Prattville
101 W. Main Street
Prattville, Alabama 36067

Re: Daniel Pratt Farm Gin - Autauga County
(March 29, 1977)

Dear Mayor Gray:

The Alabama Historical Commission is pleased to inform you that the referenced landmark has been favorably reviewed and added to the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage. The Alabama Register is a prestigious listing of historic, architectural and archaeological landmarks. These selected Alabama landmarks are worthy of both recognition and restoration. The Alabama Historical Commission appreciates your interest in Alabama's historic preservation program.

Sincerely,


W. Warner Floyd

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ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION
725 MONROE STREET
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APRIL 5, 1977

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The antique farm gin on display in the lobby of Prattville City Hall has been added to the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage, the Alabama Historical Commission announced today.

According to Warner Floyd, Executive Director of the Commission, "The gin is probably the most significant historic industrial object in Central Alabama". The small gin, measuring only three by five feet, was manufactured in 1844 by the Pratt Gin Company, and could be operated by one man, or a mule. It is a rare example of the type of gin used on small Alabama farms in the 19th and early 20th centuries.

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Floyd commended Janet and Mike Gibson for the background information for the nomination

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