



STATE OF ALABAMA

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



ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS AND HERITAGE
Nomination Form

COUNTY Walker

NAME: Present Alabama Mining Museum Historic Rock was quarried. The building was built by WPA.

LOCATION: Street and Number Allbritton Street and Cemetery Street
Town (Give directions if rural) Dora, Ala, 35062

A MAP WITH THE LANDMARK MARKED MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS FORM

CATEGORY: Building (X) Structure () Object () Site () District ()

USE: Present _____ Historic High School Gymnasium

OWNERSHIP: Public (X) Private ()

Owner's Name Walker County Board of Education

Mailing Address Jasper, Ala

INTEGRITY: Original Site (X) Moved () When? _____

From where? _____ (Give details in significance.)

CONDITIONS: Excellent () Good (X) Fair () Ruins ()

THREATS: No () Yes (X) By What? Vandalism

RESTORATION WORK: Being considered (X) Underway () Completed () Not planned ()

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

Acreage 4

For all categories other than a district and object give a site plan with a North arrow. Show related buildings.

For a district give a verbal boundary description and attach a sketch map of the district.

SIGNIFICANCE:

Why is this landmark significant? () associated with events, persons, or movements
Local () State () National (X)
() a good example of a type or style of structure
() other

Explain: (Briefly state why the above is true)

Rock was quarried and built by the WPA

Date of Construction or Period of major importance. Early 1930

Architect or Builder (Give name and biographies, if known)

WPA

Give a complete but concise history of the Landmark. Include information on important people and events associated with the landmark. (USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY)

The building was built by local workman in the height of the depression.
It was a major building in the town at the time.

State sources of information, giving full bibliographical data:

None

DESCRIPTION: PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE LANDMARK MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS FORM.

Complete as directed below for each category.

BUILDING:

Number of stories One Foundation Stone Basement None

Wall Material: (Note changes from one floor or wing to another)
(clapboard, brick, stone, wood shingle, board and batton, stucco over
wood or brick, metal, logs)
Brick Stone

Structural System: (If known)

Wood frame () Load-bearing masonry (X) Iron or Steel ()

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

Roof Type: (Gable, Gambrel, Mansard, Flat, Hipped, Combination)

Roof Covering: (Wood shingle, Asphalt, Tile, Metal, Slate)

Roof Trim: (Cornices, bargeboard, brackets, etc.)

Porches: Front (type and description) NONE

Rear (type and description) NONE

Side (type and description) NONE

Doors: Main entrance (location, description) South Side

Other entrances (location, description) East End

Windows: Types and number of each floor of facade Plexiglass 6 windows

Types and number per floor for sides and rear Plexiglass 8 windows

Interior: Describe mantels, stairways, wainscoting, plasterwork and any unusual features.
Unfinished stone walls. Floors are hardwood.

Other: Use this space to describe any additions, alterations, outbuildings or other features of the structure and its surroundings.

Three windows have been rocked up. 2 doors moved to make one door.

On an additional sheet make a sketch of the floor plan of the building, showing dimensions if possible.

THIS IS NOT REQUIRED!

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

- STRUCTURE: On a separate sheet of paper give a complete as possible verbal description of the structure. (See examples)
- OBJECT: On a separate sheet of paper give a complete as possible verbal description of the object. (See examples)
- SITE: On a separate sheet of paper give the present description of the site and how the site is believed to have looked during its period of importance.
- DISTRICT: On a separate sheet of paper give a general description of the district. Also needed is a numbered list of the structures in the district corresponding to the sketch map. This listing should include a name for the structure, a date of construction, a brief description, a statement of why the structure is significant, if it is.

A MAP WITH THE LANDMARK MARKED AND PHOTOGRAPHS MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS FORM

Map: A U.S. Geological Survey Map is preferred, but if you are unable to obtain one a county highway map may be used.

Photographs: Black and white, glossy finish, 5 x 7, or 8 x 10, is preferred.

FORM PREPARED BY

Name Yerby Auxford Date June 3, 1983
Address Rt 2 Telephone 674-6403
Town Quinton, Ala, 35130
Organization Alabama Mining Museum

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STAFF COMMENTS:

MAP REFERENCE: MAP _____

U. T. M. Reference
Zone _____ Easting _____ Northing _____

Thematic Category _____

Added to ALABAMA REGISTER _____

NATIONAL REGISTER Potential

West Jefferson-Corner Human Resource Zone

Route Two
Quinton, Alabama 35130

Mr. David Baldwin
Alabama Historical Commission
725 Monore Street
Montgomery, Ala, 36104-3898

Dear Mr. Baldwin:

The Alabama Mining Museum building was built as a Gymnasium by the PWA in 1933 and 1934. It served as a school gymnasium until the school closed in May 1982.

The building was not used from the time the school closed until it was turned over to the Museum by the Walker County Board of Education in December 1982.

The school was located across the street from the gymnasium. This building burned in 1982.

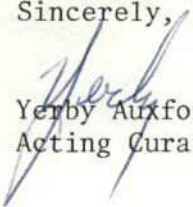
The Mining Museum was started by the East Walker County Chamber of Commerce in October 1982. The Museum was incorporated as a non-profit organization to establish and operate the museum. Seven members of the board are appointed by the Chamber. One is appointed by the Walker County Commission, and one by the Legislative delegation from Walker and surrounding counties.

We are now in the process of renovating the building.

The museum will house artifacts from the mining industry and mining era. The first phase of the museum will be only coal mining, later other Alabama mining will add to our collection.

The most significant aspects of our building is the building it self. The rock were hand quarried approximately one mile from the site. Individual rock were hand trimed to fit the need. This hand work is visable inside and outside the building.

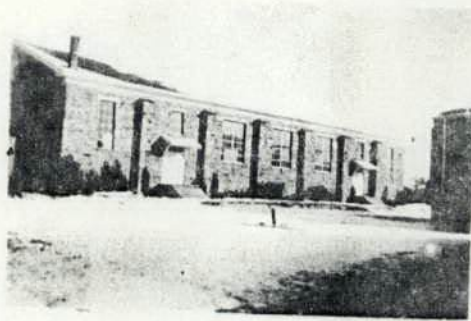
Sincerely,


Yerby Aulford
Acting Curator

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Alabama Mining Museum

1947



Alabama Mining Museum

The building is hand built by the PWA in the early 1930's.
The barring walls are supported by buttress. Rock for
construction was quarried from a pit near the building.
Marks of the hand quarring are visable on the building.

ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS & HERITAGE NOMINATION FORM

Alabama Historical Commission
725 Monroe Street
Montgomery, Alabama 36130

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Alabama Mining Museum

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Albritton and Cemetery Streets

CITY, TOWN

Dora

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Alabama

VICINITY OF
CODE

COUNTY
Walker

CODE

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Walker County Board of Education

STREET & NUMBER

1000 East 19th Street

CITY, TOWN

Jasper

VICINITY OF

STATE

Alabama

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Walker County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

19th Street

CITY, TOWN

Jasper

STATE

Alabama

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The building which will house the Alabama Mining Museum is a single-story gable-roofed structure built of stone quarried near the building site. The building is simple, and is rectangular in plan. The main entrance is a double-leaf door located on the building's south side, and a single-leaf door is located on the building's east end. The north and south exterior walls are buttressed. Large plexiglass windows are located on the north and south sides of the building. The interior consists of one large open space with unfinished stone walls. The floors are of original hardwood.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

1938

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The building which will house the Alabama Mining Museum was constructed in 1938 by W. P. A. labor of rock quarried near the building site, and served as the gymnasium for the Dora High School until the school closed in 1982. The Mining Museum was organized in 1982 by the East Walker County Chamber of Commerce and was incorporated as a non-profit organization to establish and operate the museum. The Walker County Board of Education turned the structure over to the Mining Museum later in 1982. Restoration of the building is underway. The museum collection will illustrate the history of coal, ore and gold mining in Alabama. The museum is scheduled to open in the fall of this year.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than 1

QUADRANGLE NAME Dora

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Mr. Yerby Auxford, Acting Curator

ORGANIZATION

Alabama Mining Museum

STREET & NUMBER

Route 2

CITY OR TOWN

Quinton

DATE

6/83

TELEPHONE

674-6403

STATE

Alabama

12 FOR ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION USE ONLY

Staff Member David Baldwin

ADDED

Number

Thematic Category

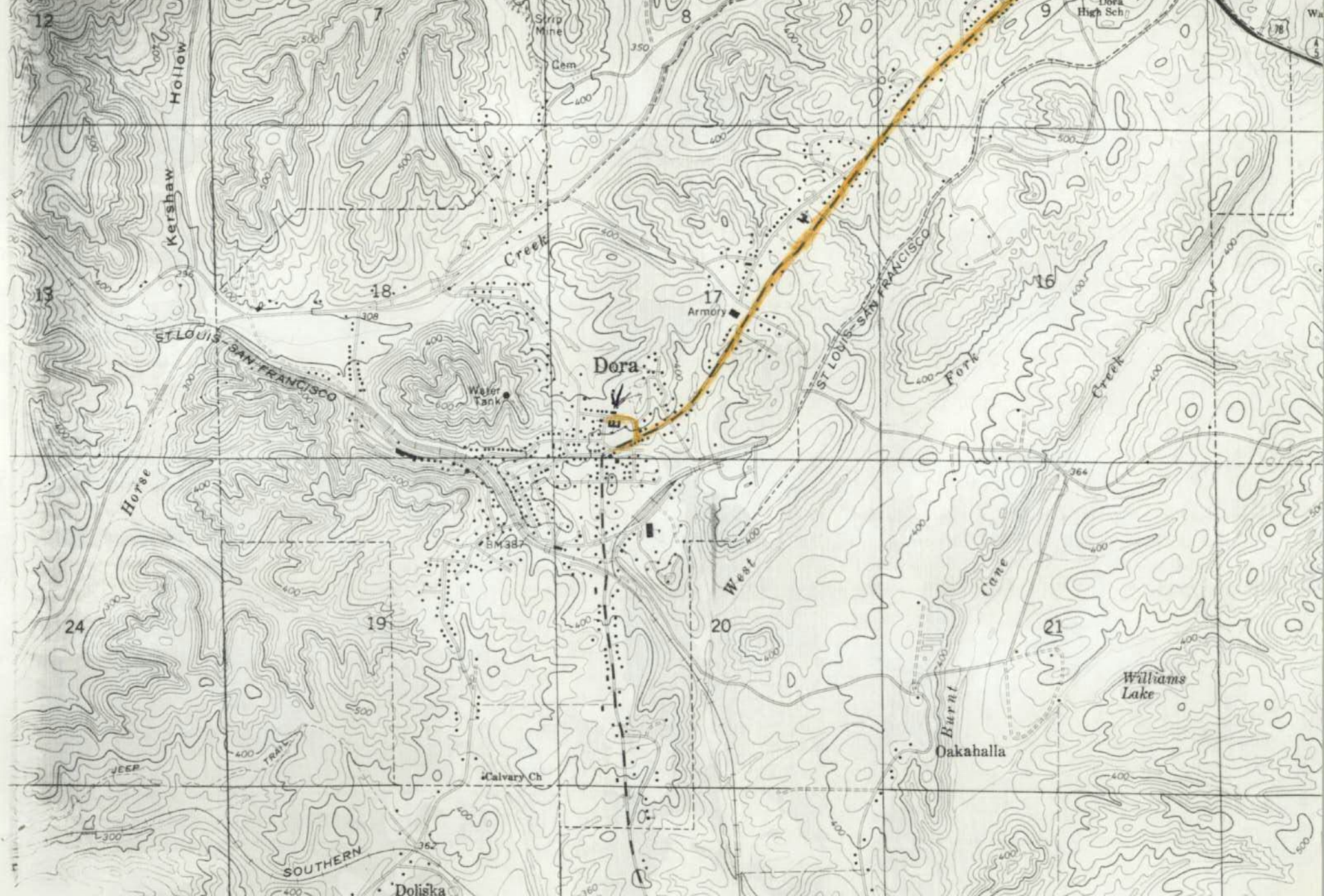
National Register Potential

Added to National Register

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

To Dora
Alabama
Mining Museum

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ALABAMA MINING MUSEUM

