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ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS & HERITAGE FACT SHEET

What is the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage?

The Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage is a listing of buildings, structures, sites, objects, and districts of historical, architectural, and/or archaeological significance.

What does listing in the Alabama Register mean?

Alabama Register listing is an honorary designation and exists to bring attention to and promote the property's historical significance, thereby encouraging its long-term preservation. The Alabama Register does not restrict the rights of private property owners in the use, development, or sale of the property.

How is the Alabama Register different from the National Register?

To keep recognition of historic properties accessible to the general public, the Alabama Register standards and application process is not as rigorous as the National Register. In addition, the Alabama Register includes properties that normally may not qualify for the National Register, such as moved buildings, reconstructed buildings, and structures less than 40 years old.

What kinds of properties are eligible for the Alabama Register?

Properties should be at least 40 years old or older and show the authenticity of its location and construction. The property should convey a feeling for the time and place of construction.

How can I nominate a property to the Alabama Register?

Anyone can nominate a property to the Alabama Register and property owner permission is not required. The first step is to complete an Alabama Register nomination form. The AHC provides all forms and guidance at no cost. Once the necessary materials are received, a staff review committee will determine if the property meets the established criteria.

How long does the process take?

The length of time before the nomination is presented to the staff review committee is dependent upon how complete the application is. AHC staff review nominations quarterly.

For more information, please contact Andrew Parker at 334.230.2644 or Andrew.Parker@ahc.alabama.gov

Thank you for your interest in the Alabama Register!