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ELBA THEATRE ADDED TO ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS & HERITAGE

Located in Elba in Coffee County, Alabama, the Elba Theatre was listed to the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage for its association with social history and theatre history.

Originally built in 1933, the property was purchased by Mr. W.J. Brackin in 1943. After months of renovations the theatre opened with upgrades to the façade, décor, lighting, heating, sound, projection equipment, and comfortable new seats. The seating on the main floor could then accommodate 600 while the balcony provided room for another 250 people.



On June 20, 1963, Mrs. W.J. Brackin announced the closure of the Elba Theatre. Over the next few years the theatre exchanged hands three times before finally closing in 1968. By 1969 the theatre building was gutted and divided into business space. The local non-profit group Restoration154, created in 2011, purchased the Elba Theatre building and is committed to the restoration of the structure.

About the Program: The Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage is a listing of buildings, sites, structures, objects, and districts worthy of preservation. These properties may be of national, state, and local significance. The designation is honorary and carries no restrictions or financial incentives. The Alabama Historical Commission created the Alabama Register to provide the public with a quick and easy way to document and recognize historic places, such as houses, schools, churches, and commercial buildings that are at least 40 years old.

A [list of properties in the Alabama Register](#) is available alphabetically by county.

What is the process for getting your property listed? Start by completing the [Alabama Register Form](#) (refer to the [instructions](#)).



About the Alabama Historical Commission

Located in historic downtown Montgomery at 468 S. Perry Street, the Alabama Historical Commission is the state historic preservation agency for Alabama. The agency was created by an act of the state legislature in 1966 with a mission to protect, preserve and interpret Alabama's historic places. AHC works to accomplish its mission through two fields of endeavor: Preservation and promotion of state-owned historic sites as public attractions; and, statewide programs to assist people, groups, towns, and cities with local preservation activities. For a complete list of programs and properties owned and operated by the AHC, hours of operation, and admission fees please visit ahc.alabama.gov

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