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FORT McDERMOTT ADDED TO ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS & HERITAGE

Located in Spanish Fort in Baldwin County, Alabama, Fort McDermott, a Confederate fortification, was listed to the Alabama Register of Landmarks & Heritage for its association with military history and archaeology.



It was established in 1864 as part of the Spanish Fort Complex, which also included Spanish Fort and Red Fort. The fortifications were connected by a two-mile line of earthworks, redoubts, rifle pits, and gun batteries.

A Union attack on the fortifications began in 1865 and lasted for 13 days. The fortifications were abandoned as most of the Confederate troops fled across the river and toward Fort Blakeley. The battle at Spanish Fort shifted to the Battle at Fort Blakeley later that day. In 2015 the Sons of Confederate Veterans Raphael Semmes Camp 11 restored the fort area revealing the well-preserved earthworks of the former Confederate battery.

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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