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SHELBY COUNTY PROPERTY ADDED TO ALABAMA REGISTER

The Weldon General Store in Chelsea was listed in the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage on December 1, 2016.

From the time the store was constructed in 1922 until its closure in the 1980s, it served the community of Chelsea.

The original store, burned in 1921 and rebuilt in 1922, provided dry goods, farm supplies, local produce, medicine, and other necessary goods for the community.

After George Washington Weldon passed away, his daughter, Valerie Weldon took possession of the store and its daily operation until her death in 1980.



The store and the property now belong to the City of Chelsea but are in danger of being demolished.

The Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage is an official 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 <http://ahc.alabama.gov/>

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