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DRISH HOUSE PROJECT APPROVED FOR FEDERAL TAX CREDITS

In November 2016 the Drish House project in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, was approved by the National Park Service for the twenty-percent federal rehabilitation tax credit program.

The Drish House, listed in the National Register of Historic Places as the Jemison School/Drish House, was constructed in 1837 as the residence of John Drish and his family. The striking two-story masonry building has undergone many changes and has housed several occupants such as families, public school children, an auto wrecking company, and a church.

The building was documented by the Historic American Building Survey in 1934 and was featured in several photographs by Walker Evans in 1936 while it housed the Tuscaloosa Wrecking Company.

The current owners of the property rehabilitated the structure for use as an event venue. They restored the two iconic two-story porticos, one with an Italianate tower. Other work included stucco and window repair on the exterior and restoration of plaster and wood trim on the interior. The hall



features twin stairs that rise to a landing and then continue as a single staircase to the second level of the house.



The National Park Service oversees the Preservation Tax Incentive program jointly with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). To qualify, the building has to be listed in the National Register, either individually or in a historic district. Additionally, the property must be used for income-producing purposes. For more information concerning standards and guidelines please visit www.nps.gov/tps/tax-incentives.htm and <http://ahc.alabama.gov/federaltaxcredits.aspx>

The Alabama Historical Commission manages the program for the National Park Service in the state of Alabama. The Commission administers the federal restoration guidelines so the historic materials and look of the building remain.

Renovating and reusing these historic buildings is a win-win situation for the owner and the community.

To learn more about the tax incentive, visit www.preserveala.org/taxcredits.aspx or contact Chloe Mercer at 334-230-2669/ chloe.mercer@ahc.alabama.gov.

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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