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Alabama's historic places and is the State Historic Preservation Office.

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COFFEE COUNTY PROPERTY ADDED TO ALABAMA REGISTER

The Coffee County Jail in Elba was listed in the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage on December 1, 2016.

The Jail, listed for its association with African American heritage and for architecture, was built in 1912 with an addition in the 1950s.



The Old Coffee County Jail was constructed using bricks baked in a kiln on the banks of the Pea River. The same kiln also furnished bricks for the Elba United Methodist Church.

With the original blueprints retained by the county, the separate cells of men, women, White, African American, and the Insane can still be seen.

After the flood of 1990, a new county jail was built in New Brockton. The Old Coffee County Jail has been vacant since that time.

The Town of Elba plans to restore the old jail as a local county history museum.

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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