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COFFEE COUNTY PROPERTY ADDED TO ALABAMA REGISTER

The Mulberry Heights School (Elba Colored School) was listed in the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage on December 1, 2016.

The school, listed for its association with education and ethnic heritage, was constructed in the late 1950s with an addition of the gym and another classroom building in 1966 as the separate but equal facility for local African American school children.

The property on which the Mulberry Heights School sits was purchased by the Mulberry Baptist Association, an African American organization that includes several churches in the area. This organization built a Rosenwald school on the property in 1927. The school later burned and in the 1950s the Elba Colored School was built in its place.

The structure has now been purchased by the Elba Zion Missionary Baptist Church, which plans to restore the property as a community center.



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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