



468 S. Perry Street ♦ Montgomery, AL 36104
334.242.3184 ♦ preserveala.org

January 21, 2011

Contact: Lee Anne Wofford, (334) 230-2659
LeeAnne.Wofford@preserveala.org

WILLIAM SHERMAN RIVERS HOUSE ADDED TO ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS & HERITAGE

The Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) recently added the William Sherman Rivers House in Anniston to the Alabama Register of Landmarks & Heritage.

The Alabama Register is a prestigious listing of historic, architectural, and archaeological landmarks. The AHC considers the notable historic properties in this register to be particularly worthy of preservation and appreciation, and therefore deserving of this special recognition.

The William Sherman Rivers House was constructed c. 1905 for William Sherman Rivers who was a prominent African American businessman in the early twentieth century. In addition to being a grocer and merchant, he served as the treasurer of the Negro Business Men's League and as Vice President of the Alabama Penny Savings Bank. This is one of a few houses in Anniston associated with African- American professionals of the early 20th century. The house is a good example of a late-Victorian era residence and remains substantially unaltered from its original appearance.

The Alabama Historical Commission administers the Alabama Register program, which gives the public a simple way to bring recognition to historic properties.

The Alabama Register officially recognizes and honors buildings, sites, structures, objects, and historic districts that are at least 40 years old.

The Alabama Register designation is honorary and carries no restrictions on property and offers no financial incentives.

*To protect, preserve, and interpret Alabama's historic places is the mission of the **Alabama Historical Commission, the State Historic Preservation Office.***

###