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DEKALB COUNTY'S MOON LAKE CLUB ADDED TO ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS & HERITAGE

The Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) recently added Moon Lake Club in Mentone 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.

"Moon Lake Club is a wonderful example of a resort style private community with architectural and historical significance," said Lee Anne Wofford of the Alabama Historical Commission.

According to Holley Midgley who submitted the nomination, John Mason, known as the founder of Mentone, owned property around the Moon Lake district since 1875. In 1945, five Gadsden, Alabama businessmen and their families incorporated Moon Lake Club. Moon Lake Club consists of 88 heavily wooded acres with a 7.5 acre lake in the middle and is bordered on the west by almost ½ mile of the scenic Little River. His son, Ed Mason, operated a saw and grist mill at Moon Lake. The ruins of this early history is still evident today.

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.***

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