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MONTGOMERY COUNTY'S AURELIA ELISCERA SHINES BROWDER HOUSE ADDED TO ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS & HERITAGE

The Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) recently added the Aurelia Eliscera Shines Browder House in Talladega 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 Aurelia Eliscera Shines Browder House is listed in the Alabama Register for its social history and association with African-American heritage and civil rights. The house is significant as the home of Aurelia Eliscera Shines Browder, the lead plaintiff in *Browder v. Gayle*, the case ruled upon by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1956 to legally end segregated buses in Montgomery," said Lee Anne Wofford, Alabama Register Coordinator for the Alabama Historical Commission.

Constructed in 1920, the house features interior spatial arrangements intact from when Mrs. Browder lived in the home. Mrs. Browder was active in the Women's Political Council, NAACP, SCLC and the Montgomery Improvement Association. She was also active in voting rights; tutoring blacks on how to pass voter exams; advocating to end the poll tax; and transporting blacks to polls to register to vote. Mrs. Browder lived in the house until her death in 1971 and is buried in Lincoln Cemetery.

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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