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MARION COUNTY'S JUDGE TERRELL HOUSE ADDED TO ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS & HERITAGE

The Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) recently added the Judge Terrell House in Pikeville 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 Judge Terrell House is listed in the Alabama Register for its early settlement history as well as its architectural significance. "It is an excellent intact example of an early 19th century house that retains many of its original architectural details," said Lee Anne Wofford, Alabama Register Coordinator for the Alabama Historical Commission.

John Dabney Terrell, Sr. was appointed to be the first territorial judge of Marion County to establish county government and was later the first county judge of Marion County. John Terrell, Sr. was a delegate to the Alabama Territorial Legislative, and was delegated to help draft Alabama's original Constitution at the Constitutional Convention in 1819.

John Dabney Terrell Sr.'s son, John Dabney Terrell, Jr. also mastered county politics. He was the first probate judge of Marion County from 1834 to 1885. In 1857, the courthouse was purchased from the county by Judge Terrell, Jr. The structure was moved on rolling logs to its current location and was slightly modified for his personal home.

The Judge Terrell House may be the oldest frame edifice standing in either Marion or adjacent Winston County. It is also one of the earliest extant structures along the Jackson Military Road between the Tennessee River Valley and the Mississippi state line. The house may be one of three extant buildings linked with the state's first generation of county government. The house is the only architectural vestige left of the dead town of Pikeville, first seat of Marion County. Pikeville was one of the earliest Anglo-American settlements south of the Tennessee Valley. The Terrell Family Cemetery is located adjacent to the house and contains five generations of Terrell descendents.

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**.*