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ELMORE COUNTY'S SANDTOWN HIGH SCHOOL ADDED TO ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS & HERITAGE

The Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) recently added Sandtown High School in Millbrook 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.

Sandtown High School in Millbrook is listed in the Alabama Register for its educational and social history along with its associations with African-American heritage. "The school, constructed in 1947, was the only African American high school in west Elmore County prior to integration and is one of few historic black schools still standing in the county," said Lee Anne Wofford, Alabama Register Coordinator for the Alabama Historical Commission.

The one story brick building features a prominent "U" shaped plan which historically housed 10 classrooms and an auditorium. Along with an intact plan, the school also retains original historic features including metal casement windows, doors and canopies. In addition to original blackboards in the classrooms, the school also retains the original landscape and setting most notably the courtyard and playground areas.

The school closed in 1960 due to desegregation. Since then, it has had multiple community uses. Members of the community along with alumni have formed a nonprofit organization called the Millbrook Community Improvement Association who owns, maintains and uses the facility for youth and senior programs.

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**.*