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## **COVINGTON COUNTY'S ALABAMA TEXTILE PRODUCTS CORPORATION ADDED TO ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS & HERITAGE**

The Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) recently added the Alabama Textile Products Corporation 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 Alabama Textile Products Corporation (ALATEX) is a good example of an early 20<sup>th</sup> century manufacturing company that made a significant economic impact in Andalusia. In 1923, Mr. John George Scherf and local investors chartered the ANDALA Company, which became the predecessor of ALATEX. The company was organized primarily as a contract manufacturer for Arrow Shirts, a division of Cluett, Peabody and Company. The office building that now contains the Andalusia Area Chamber of Commerce was the ALATEX corporate headquarters until 1985.

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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