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ARKWRIGHT HERITAGE AREA IN SHELBY COUNTY ADDED TO ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS & HERITAGE

The Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) recently added the Arkwright Heritage Area 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 Arkwright Heritage Area is significant as a collection of 13 prehistoric and historic resources that illustrate the history of the Arkwright community. The town was named after Preston Stanley Arkwright, an official of the Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic Railroad. He also served as founder and president of Georgia Railway and Electric Company. The name Arkwright was adopted by Junction Land and Industrial Company in May 1907. The Arkwright Heritage Area represents early Native American history, early settlement by white pioneers, the growth of a plantation culture with accompanying slave labor, the evolution into a rural farm community, and the growth and decline of a railroad community during the 20th century.

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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