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CHAMBERS COUNTY'S CHARLIE F. HIGGINS FARMHOUSE ADDED TO ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS & HERITAGE

The Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) recently added the Charlie F. Higgins Farmhouse in the Welch community 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 Charlie F. Higgins Farmhouse, constructed c. 1898, is architecturally significant as a good example of a late 19th century Chambers County farmhouse. The house is based on the pyramidal folk form, retains historic decorative sawn trim and turned porch posts, and is relatively unaltered from its original construction.

Architectural design and construction features suggest that the house was likely built for Charlie F. Higgins (1867-1960) shortly after he purchased the property in 1898. The farm then included 84 acres. In addition to being a farmer, Higgins is also known to have been a lumberman and have operated a sawmill.

The Welch community is a rural crossroads located south of Roanoke. A post office was established here in 1881 and it operated until 1933. At one time, at least two stores were located at the crossroads, with houses scattered in the immediate vicinity.

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.