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MARSHALL COUNTY'S HOWARD POWELL ESTATE ADDED TO ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS & HERITAGE

The Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) recently added the Howard Powell Estate in Guntersville 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.

Constructed in c. 1890, the Howard Powell Estate is an excellent example of a late Victorian residence in Guntersville. Located less than a mile from the Veteran's Bridge, this home sits perched atop of a small knoll. This is one of the original homes built at the entrance of the city of Guntersville and situated across from North Harbor, once the thriving epicenter of commerce for Guntersville.

Louis Wyeth gained possession of this property in 1844 and held it until 1896. Wyeth was influential in Guntersville history. An attorney from Waynesburg, Virginia, Wyeth came to the city in 1837. He was responsible for establishing Guntersville as the county seat and developing the city. As a result of his efforts, the Alabama legislature incorporated Guntersville on February 3, 1848.

Howard Powell, Sr. acquired this property in 1905. Powell was a local riverboat captain and owned and operated a sand and gravel business, using his riverboat, *The Scott* as a means of transporting gravel and sand to Decatur and Whiteburg. After his death, the family home was left to his son, Howard Powell, Jr. Upon his death in 2001, the home was rented to the Mountain Valley Arts Council, a non-profit service organization dedicated to fostering the arts in Marshall County.

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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