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CULLMAN COUNTY'S ISAAC SPEEGLE FARMSTEAD ADDED TO ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS & HERITAGE

The Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) recently added the Isaac Speegle Farmstead in Guthery Crossroads 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 Isaac Speegle Farmstead, constructed in 1908 to c. 1925, is significant as an example of an early 20th century Cullman County farm complex. The site retains its original 1908 farmhouse, a historic barn, three sheds, and a privy. Isaac Speegle acquired this 80-acre parcel some time prior to his construction of the house in 1908.

Guthery Crossroads was named for the Guthery family who had a house and store at the southwest corner of the crossroads. The store was operated for many years by Jackson Guthery. A newer store was constructed across the street by the early 1950s and the Guthery store was eventually closed and torn down. The Guthery house, reported to have been a very old I-House, was torn down c. 2009.

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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