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PIKE COUNTY'S JOHNSTON MILL ADDED TO ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS & HERITAGE

The Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) recently added the Johnston Mill in Brundidge 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 c. 1930, the Johnston Mill is a good example of a peanut butter manufacturing facility in Brundidge. It is one of the oldest mills that commercially produced peanut butter. The first peanut butter was produced by J.D. Johnston in the upstairs of the Johnston Mill building located at 201 Church Street in Brundidge in the late 1920s-30s. Then peanut butter was produced under the label of Oscar Johnson Peanut Butter and Johnston Peanut Butter.

The Johnston Mill building was deeded by Anderson Peanuts to the Brundidge Historical Society. The building is currently a historical museum and a satellite office for the Pike County Chamber of Commerce.

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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