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## **COVINGTON COUNTY'S SPRINGDALE ADDED TO ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS & HERITAGE**

The Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) recently added Springdale in Andalusia 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.

Formerly the John George Scherf home, Springdale was constructed in 1937 and is an excellent example of a Mediterranean style estate in Andalusia. Architect Carl C. Cooper designed the home and W.A. Waller, Sr. of the Andalusia Development Company built the home. Mr. Scherf was a German immigrant who came to Andalusia in the early 1920s and founded the Alabama Textile Products Corporation. He also served four terms as mayor and made enormous contributions to Andalusia's economic growth.

Springdale is one of a few remaining connections to Andalusia's early historical period. It is composed of four acres and includes the main house, a large four-car garage, a guesthouse, a small lake, several fountains, and beautifully landscaped lawns. The City of Andalusia now owns it and plans to use the main house and grounds for public and private events.

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.*