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## **ELMORE COUNTY'S THORNFIELD ADDED TO ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS & HERITAGE**

The Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) recently added Thornfield in Millbrook 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. 1824, Thornfield is an excellent example of an early hall and parlor type house in Millbrook. Built as the pioneer home for Archibald McKeithen, Thornfield serves as a reminder of the early history of the Tri-Community area of Millbrook, Robinson Springs and Coosada. Born in 1772 in Bladen County, North Carolina, McKeithen came to this area of Alabama in 1818, prior to Alabama's statehood. He was a planter and owned hundreds of acres. Thornfield is one of a few remaining homes that illustrate the area's early history. The others include The Elms, Ellerslie, and the Zeigler House.

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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