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## **JACKSON COUNTY'S MCGUFFEY STORE ADDED TO ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS & HERITAGE**

The Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) recently added the McGuffey Store in Fackler 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 McGuffey Store was listed in the Alabama Register for its commercial and architectural significance. Built in 1915, the McGuffey Store was the center of social life in the Fackler community from the time of its construction until it closed in 1996. Four generations of the McGuffey family operated the store. In the early years of business, caskets and casket materials were stored on the second floor and a café called the Sweet Shop was located on the main floor. The post office was also located in the store.

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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