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DOWNTOWN ATTALLA HISTORIC DISTRICT ADDED TO ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS & HERITAGE

The Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) recently added the Downtown Attalla Historic District 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 Downtown Attalla Historic District is a collection of historic commercial structures located in the heart of Attalla. Although incorporated on February 5, 1872, Attalla's history dates back much farther when it was a Native American village that was of considerable importance during the Creek War. Present day Attalla grew up around the Wills Valley Railroad that ran from Chattanooga, TN to Attalla.

Over time, Attalla became the converging center of many railroad lines including the Louisville and Nashville Railroad system and the Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad system. Much of the historic architecture reflected in the Downtown Attalla Historic District dates from the early 20th century and is a reminder of Attalla's rich and prosperous history.

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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