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## **ROSA A. LOTT SCHOOL (CITRONELLE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL) ADDED TO ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS & HERITAGE**

The Alabama Historical Commission (AHC) recently added the Rosa A. Lott School (Citronelle Consolidated School) in Citronelle 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 Rosa A. Lott School (Citronelle Consolidated School), built in c. 1948, is significant as the only black school to serve the children in the area around Citronelle until it was integrated in 1970. The school, originally for grades 1-12, was founded by philanthropist Rosa A. Lott. Lott wanted to provide the black children of Citronelle and surrounding areas with access to a high school curriculum. Prior to the construction of the Lott School, students in Citronelle and surrounding communities desiring to continue their education beyond 7th grade had to attend school in Mobile.

The school building, now vacant, features distinctive historic Craftsman architectural details including original weatherboard exterior, exposed roof rafters and brackets, along with bands of historic wooden windows. It is a true historic landmark in Mobile County.

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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